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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility; Litigation; Intellectual Property Law; Wine Industry Law; Fiduciaries, Receivers & Trustees



Peter H. Bales represents clients in civil litigation, at trial and appellate levels, in state and federal courts. His expertise includes complex business disputes, financial institutions litigation, trade secrets and unfair competition litigation, employee mobility disputes, intellectual property disputes, and class actions. In addition to other facets of the litigation process, Mr. Bales advises his clients on alternative dispute resolution options that are available in both state and federal court, such as mediation and arbitration.

Mr. Bales has been recognized as a Northern California *Super Lawyer Rising Star* from 2013 to 2016. He is a member of the San Francisco Bar Association, the San Francisco Barristers Club, and the Business Law Section of the California State Bar. He also co-developed and continues to manage a yearly law student trial competition at University of California Berkeley, Berkeley Law.

### Publications

- Trade Secrets: Intersection of state and federal law, May 1, 2018
- Privilege Lessons From An Inadvertent Email, *Law360*, June 5, 2017
- Client Sends Privileged Email From iPhone That Triggers Inadvertent Production Rule, *Buchalter Client Alert*, May 2, 2017
- Anti-Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy Act: Are You in Compliance?, *Buchalter Nemer Point & Authorities*, February 10, 2016
- Are LinkedIn Contacts Protectable Trade Secrets?, September 19, 2014
- Who's Hacked You Now? Changes to State Security Breach Statute, *Daily Journal; Buchalter Nemer Points & Authorities*, March 26, 2012

### Presentations

- Speaker, "Buchalter Connect: Lessons Learned from Waymo v. Uber and Other Trade Secret Litigation," September 14, 2017
- Panelist, "Competition/Advocacy Programs," Berkeley Law's All-Alumni Weekend, September 22, 2012
- Panelist, "Recent Wave of Banking Class Actions-Fallout From the Financial Crisis," CLE's 7th Annual Class Actions Conference in San Francisco, CA, May 13, 2011
- Speaker, "Current Trends in Litigation," 2010 Bank Counsel Seminar, hosted by the California Bankers Association, January 19, 2010

### Education

Mr. Bales earned his J.D. at UC Berkeley School of Law, where he was a member of several nationwide trial advocacy competition teams and was awarded The America College of Trial Lawyers' "Most Outstanding Advocate" Award. Mr. Bales also received the Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence in Evidence Advocacy and the Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in both Civil Procedure and Torts. During law

school, Mr. Bales served as the legal extern to the Honorable D. Lowell Jensen of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Mr. Bales earned his degree in finance from the Leed's School of Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Honors Business Society.

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#### **Bar Admissions**

- California

#### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California