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Peter H. Bales is an Associate in the firm's Litigation Practice Group in the San Francisco office. Mr. Bales represents clients in civil litigation, at trial and appellate levels, in state and federal courts. His expertise includes financial institutions litigation, complex business disputes, and consumer class actions. In addition, Mr. Bales handles litigation involving creditors' rights, including prejudgment remedies and post-judgment enforcement, as well as litigation in equipment leasing and commercial disputes. 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 2015. 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, Boalt Hall School of Law.

### Recent Publications and Presentations

- "Are LinkedIn Contacts Protectable Trade Secrets," Buchalter Nemer *Blog*, September 19, 2014
- "Competition/Advocacy Programs," Panelist, Berkeley Law's All-Alumni Weekend 2012, Berkeley, CA, September 22, 2012
- "Who's Hacked You Now? Changes to California's Security Breach Statute," *Daily Journal*, March 26, 2012; Buchalter Nemer Points and Authorities, Winter 2012
- "Recent Wave of Banking Class Actions-Fallout From the Financial Crisis," Panelist, CLE's 7th Annual Class Actions Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 13, 2011
- "Current Trends in Litigation," Co-author, California Bankers Association's 2010 Bank Counsel Seminar

### Education

Mr. Bales earned his J.D. at the University of California-Berkeley, Boalt Hall 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.

### Areas of Practice

Litigation

Class Action Litigation

Financial Institutions Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Bar Admissions

California

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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



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