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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Dispute Resolution; Litigation; Labor & Employment; Wage & Hour; Real Estate; Class Actions; Health Care Law; Privacy & Data Security Law; Multi-Level Marketing; Hospitality, Food and Beverage Industry Law; Fiduciaries, Receivers & Trustees

Mr. Miller represents restaurants, manufacturers, national and local retailers, direct sales companies, national banks, and finance companies in a diverse range of complex litigation issues in the following areas:

- **Direct Sales:** Mr. Miller assists direct sales companies in a broad range of litigation and compliance efforts in order to help those companies adapt to the ever-changing regulatory and legal environment. He has handled a myriad of disputes pertaining to multilevel marketing and the direct sales industry, including litigation brought by disgruntled distributors and consumers, and class action lawsuits.
- **ADA Litigation and Counseling:** Mr. Miller defends businesses and property owners against Americans with Disabilities Act, Disabled Persons Act, and Unruh Civil Rights Act claims. Mr. Miller also counsels property owners and businesses regarding their obligations under the ADA and equivalent state access laws including providing accessible goods, services and websites.
- **Real Estate:** Mr. Miller has represented individuals, investors, lessors and property owners on a broad variety of legal issues, including, sales, leasing and partnership disputes.
- **Receiverships:** Mr. Miller has obtained receivers on behalf of banks and creditors, represented receivers in the execution of their duties, as well as businesses placed in receivership. He also has experience with other pre-judgment remedies.
- **Class Actions:** Mr. Miller has handled numerous class actions that involved, among other areas of law: wage hour disputes, Business & Professions Code §17200, and Title III of the ADA.
- **Labor and Employment:** Mr. Miller has handled a wide variety of labor and employment disputes including discrimination, harassment, wage and hour, disability, unfair competition and PAGA claims. In addition to representing employers in litigation, Mr. Miller also provides counsel to California employers in connection with their day-to-day operations.
- **Health Care Law:** Mr. Miller has assisted Hospitals in reimbursement disputes.

Publications

- Online Only Retailers Have a New Defense Against Website Accessibility Claims in California, *Buchalter Client Alert*, November 17, 2022
- How Pending Legislation Could Affect Your Company's Compliance Strategy, *Social Selling News*, September 1, 2021
- Windfalls and Pitfalls of Pivoting Your Business Model in the New Business Environment, *Buchalter Client Alert*, September 4, 2020
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: Despite the Shut Down and Absence of Final Implementing Regulations, California's Attorney General Still Intends to Enforce the California Consumer Privacy Act

Starting July 1, 2020, *Buchalter Client Alert*, May 11, 2020

- Disability Access Law Update Requires Changes To Disclosures In Commercial Leases Executed On Or After January 1, 2017, *Buchalter Client Alert*, December 16, 2016
- What the Hospitality Industry Needs to Know about Website Accessibility Guidelines, *Buchalter Nemer Hospitality, Food and Beverage Industry Newsletter*, November 9, 2015

Presentations

- Speaker, "Class Action & Litigation Update," 2022 Direct Selling Legal & Compliance Summit, February 18, 2022
- Speaker, "America's 1st Privacy Law – What CCPA Means for Your Business," Direct Selling Compliance Summit, January 21, 2020
- Speaker, "Basic Training for Litigators: Civil Procedure Before Trial," Rutter Group's Basic Training Seminar, October 5, 2013

Webinars

- "Buchalter Webinar: Navigating California's Statutory Traps – Avoid Penalties, Fines and Headaches in 2024," March 7, 2024

Education

Mr. Miller earned his J.D. at Loyola Law School in 2001 where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity. He earned his B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, in History at the University of Oregon in 1997.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California