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Education

University of Southern California Law Center,
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Admissions

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California

U.S. District Court Northern District of
California

U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit

Justin M. Goldstein is a partner and the Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. He has extensive trial and appellate experience handling a wide range of business, entertainment, and intellectual property disputes in state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration. Justin began his career at Katten Muchin Rosenman, and then spent 10 years at O'Melveny & Myers, followed by seven years at Carlsmith Ball where he served as the head of the firm's Media & Entertainment Practice. He has successfully counseled and represented some of the Fortune 500's and entertainment industry's most influential entities in a broad variety of commercial and intellectual property matters.

Justin's litigation experience includes handling disputes that involve unfair competition, partnership and shareholder claims, right of publicity and privacy, First Amendment, accounting and profit participation, fiduciary duties, personal service contracts, and infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, and trade secret interests. He has represented institutional clients and individual clients in industries including media and entertainment, technology, marketing and communications, retail, apparel, energy, manufacturing, finance, and real estate. Justin has also **published articles** and served as a guest lecturer at USC, UCLA, and Southwestern Law School on such topics as idea submission law, right of publicity, claims against talent agents and managers, alternative dispute resolution, and remedies for litigation misconduct.

Justin has long had a keen interest in trial practice. While in law school, he served as an extern for a federal district court judge during a sweeping RICO trial of a dozen organized crime members. Justin honed his skills second-chairing on matters for Daniel Petrocelli at O'Melveny & Myers for a decade, while also serving as a volunteer City Attorney, handling a number of criminal jury trials as lead prosecutor. Since leaving O'Melveny in 2010, Justin has represented both institutional and individual clients on a wide range of litigated matters.

Justin was born and raised in Los Angeles, and is a product of Crossroads School, where his two daughters now attend. Justin received his B.A. from Brandeis University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and his J.D. from USC's Gould School of Law. He has been practicing locally since 1998.

Justin's trial experience includes the following:

- Lead trial counsel for a major energy company in a contract and business tort dispute with one of the world's largest oil companies. The oil company sought \$32 million plus punitive damages based on alleged lost profits and

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equipment damages from electrical interruptions to a California refinery. After a four-week trial in federal court (Central District of California), the jury returned a straight defense verdict for Justin's client on all claims. This case was profiled in [Law360](#).

- Lead trial counsel for a marketing and promotions company in a two-week arbitration proceeding against world's largest automaker. Obtained an arbitration award for money damages and credit for creative work product based on breaches of contract.
- Represented a former professional baseball player in a partnership and employment arbitration, and after a three-week hearing, obtained an award of \$3 million and the removal of an adverse party from multiple partnerships. The award was confirmed by the trial court and upheld on successive appeals.
- Represented a motion picture studio in a complex contract dispute over hundreds of millions of dollars in claimed participation obligations. After an extended evidentiary hearing, the court terminated the case through a sanctions order which was affirmed on successive appeals.
- Prosecuted, as lead counsel, three jury trials and one bench trial for the City Attorney's Office.
- Represented (pro bono) an asylum candidate in an Immigration Court merits hearing, and obtained a favorable result that allowed the client to remain in the United States.

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