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EDUCATION

- University of Southern California Law School, J.D., 2002
- University of California, San Diego, B.S., with honors, 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California, 2002
- United States District Courts: Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS

- Professional Liability
- Lawyers and Law Firms
- Commercial Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Class Actions
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Todd Smith's practice focuses on complex business litigation in state and federal courts. He represents companies and individuals in consumer and securities class actions, shareholder and derivative litigation, breach of contract and fiduciary duty claims, financial services litigation, real estate disputes, protection of intellectual property rights, and unfair competition claims. He also represents law firms and lawyers in legal malpractice actions. Todd is experienced in all phases of litigation, including trials, arbitrations, mediations, and appeals, as well as regulatory proceedings and internal investigations.

Todd is an active member of several local and national bar organizations and has written and spoken on a variety of legal topics, including presenting Continuing Legal Education courses on legal ethics and professional responsibility issues. He also is a member of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization that supports and advocates on behalf of foster youth in Orange County.

Before joining Umberg Zipser, Todd was a litigator at two large international law firms where his practice focused on defending businesses in commercial litigation and representing law firms in legal malpractice suits.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Member, Orange County Chapter, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Member, Federal Bar Association of Orange County
- Member, Orange County Bar Association

ARTICLES / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

September 2017: Co-Presenter, Navigating the Perilous Waters of the Attorney-Client Privilege, MPC Annual Claims Committee Symposium, San Francisco, CA
February 2017: Co-Presenter, Avoiding Conflicts of Interest in a Business Representation, Orange County Bar Association, Business and Corporate Law Section
November 2016: Co-Presenter, "Lobbyists Lawyers, and Privilege, Oh My!," The Advocacy Group Seminar
December 2015: Co-Presenter, Legal Ethics – Navigating the Attorney-Client Privilege, Orange County Bar Association
February 2014: Select Broker-Dealer Investment Adviser and Investment Company Enforcement Cases and Developments: 2013 Year in Review
May 2013: Co-Author, "It Was My Understanding There Would Be No Patent Law!" Why State Court Judges and Legal Malpractice Attorneys Should Dust Off Their Patent Law Books, Orange County Lawyer Magazine.
February 2013: Select Broker-Dealer Investment Adviser and Investment Company Enforcement Cases and Developments: 2012 Year in Review
May 2012: Co-Author, Friends with Benefits: When Does Socializing Between the Bench and Bar Warrant Judicial Disqualification?, Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 54, No. 5
February 2012 - Select SEC and FINRA Broker-Dealer Cases and Developments: 2011 Year in Review
Fall 2011: Recent SEC and SRO Enforcement Developments and Cases Regarding Broker Dealers
Summer 2011: Taking the Fifth: Practical Considerations for the Civil Lawyer, Federal Bar Association of Orange County Newsletter