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Todd Smith's practice focuses on complex business litigation in state and federal courts. He represents companies and individuals in partnership disputes, shareholder and derivative litigation, breach of contract and fiduciary duty claims, financial services litigation, real estate disputes, protection of intellectual property rights, trade secrets, and unfair competition claims. Todd also represents law firms and lawyers in legal malpractice actions. He is experienced in all phases of litigation, including trials, arbitrations, mediations, and appeals, as well as regulatory proceedings and internal investigations. Todd recently won a complete defense verdict in a legal malpractice jury trial on behalf of an international law firm.

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 on the Board of Directors 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.

## 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

## 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

December 2017: Co-Presenter, Navigating the Perilous Waters of the Attorney-Client Privilege, Orange County Bar Association Specialty Credit Night

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

September 2018: Co-Presenter, The Rules They Are A-Changing: California's New Rules of Professional Conduct, Orange County Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section



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