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▪ **General Information**

Jacob (“Jake”) is a Partner in our Litigation Department whose experience ranges from representing individuals to corporations, from cases as small as \$10,000 to cases as large as \$100,000,000, principally involving commercial litigation, real property/construction disputes, partnership disputes, corporate litigation, and contract disputes. Jake also has transactional experience primarily related to real estate and business entity matters. Jake’s wide range of practice areas allows him to apply his knowledge base from one area of law to another, in an effort to create innovative solutions to the complex legal issues that our clients face.

▪ **Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation

Defense work largely related to breach of guarantees, breach of loan agreements, fraudulent conveyances, breach of indemnity agreements, lender liability, secured transaction litigation, and litigation involving bankruptcy claims.

Real Property/Construction Litigation

Payment and performance bond actions, mechanics’ liens, partition actions, lis pendens, foreclosure litigation, RICO conspiracy liability, fraudulent conveyance liability, easement and boundary disputes, purchase and sale agreement disputes, deed of trust litigation, construction defect claims, and HOA disputes.

Partnership Disputes

Breach of partnership agreements, breach of fiduciary liability, dissolution actions, accountings, buy-sell agreement disputes, non-compete agreement disputes, and buy-outs.

Corporate Litigation

Director and officer liability, breach of fiduciary liability, shareholder liability, minority shareholder suits, derivative suits, corporate law and by-law compliance liability, buy-sell agreement disputes, buy-outs.

Contract Disputes

General contract litigation ranging from construction contracts to employment contract disputes.

Estate/Trust Disputes

General Trust litigation, breach of fiduciary duty claims, breach of trust claims, elder abuse claims.

Financial/Investment Disputes

Represents individuals with respect to claims against brokers, financial advisors, investment advisors and brokerage firms in both state and federal court and before FINRA, concerning Ponzi schemes, churning claims, suitability claims, breach of fiduciary duty claims, SEC violations, and general investment fraud claims.

Transactional Work

Reviewing and drafting operating agreements, leases, purchase and sale agreements, employment agreements, and other non-specific contracts.

Education

University of California, Davis, J.D., 2009 (Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif; Witkin Award in Marital Property, Real Property, Legal Writing and Research I, Legal Writing and Research II, Environmental Law, Mediation, Contracts)

University of California, Davis, B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Philosophy (with Honors) 2005