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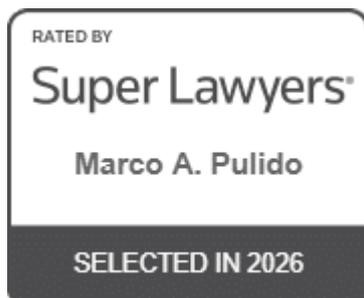
Marco A. Pulido has litigated appeals in California and beyond for nearly a decade. He has handled a broad range of appeals—including cases involving contract and business disputes; employment matters; suits against public entities; 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims; and premises liability. He also regularly teams up with trial counsel on strategizing and preparing key trial court motions and postjudgment filings.

In recent years, Marco has been recognized by both *Best Lawyers in America*® and Southern California Super Lawyers for his appellate practice. And he has been instrumental in securing successful outcomes for clients involved in high-stakes litigation. Examples include:

- Securing affirmance of a judgment rejecting fraud and misrepresentation claims against property developers after a summary judgment order and bench trial, in an appeal stemming from a \$30+ million sale of commercial property.
- Winning reversal of a combined \$5.3 million judgment and attorney fee award stemming from a seven-week jury trial on whistleblower retaliation claims.
- Securing affirmance of a summary judgment order rejecting premises liability claims against a property manager.
- Securing affirmance of an order challenging the denial of prejudgment interest on an order enforcing a settlement under Code of Civil Procedure 664.6.
- Obtaining California Supreme Court review of a Court of Appeal decision refusing to enforce a forum selection clause.
- Securing affirmance of a trial court order staying a duplicative action on claim-splitting grounds.
- Winning full dismissal of a citation and its associated penalty and injunctive-relief requirements, in an appeal to the Cal/OSHA Appeals Board.
- Assisting with an appellate reversal of a multimillion-dollar judgment, followed by successful opposition to review before the California Supreme Court.
- Winning summary affirmances in two Ninth Circuit appeals involving claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- Achieving Ninth Circuit affirmance of an order denying a preliminary injunction in a case involving Fair Housing Act claims.
- Winning Ninth Circuit affirmance of a summary judgment order dismissing breach of contract and trademark claims.

Before joining GMSR, Marco worked at a large, international law firm where he successfully litigated cases in both trial and appellate courts. He also served for two years as a federal judicial law clerk to the Hon. Bruce J. McGiverin and externed for Justice Richard M. Aronson on the California Court of Appeal.

Over the years, Marco has given back to those in need as well: He has dedicated hundreds of hours of his time to pro bono cases and amicus briefs in state and federal appellate courts—including the U.S. Supreme Court.



Education

J.D., University of California, Irvine, School of Law (2015), *cum laude*; Executive Board, Lead Article Editor, and Notes Chair, *UC Irvine Law Review*.

B.A., California State University Fullerton (2012), *summa cum laude*.

Honors

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® for Appellate Practice (2021-2026).

Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2026)

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals: Second, Ninth, and Federal Circuits.

U.S. District Courts: Central and Northern Districts of California.

Speaking and Involvement

“Supreme Court and Appellate Update,” County Counsels’ Association of California Spring 2024 Civil Law & Litigation Conference

2024

Orange County Bar Association, Chair, Appellate Law Section

2021

“Global Litigation After the Coronavirus Pandemic,” speaker, Thomson Reuter’s/West

2020

Saturday Academy of Law, speaker, UC Irvine School of Law

2020

Orange County Bar Association, Chair/Elect, Appellate Law Section

2020

ABA Appellate Practice Journal, Editor

2019-2020

“OCBA New Attorney Academy: Specialty Practice Areas,” speaker, Orange County Bar Association

2019

Orange County Bar Association, Secretary/Treasurer, Appellate Law Section

2019

OCBA/Western State College of Law Open House and Section Specialty Day, speaker, Orange County Bar Association

2018

“A Conversation on Effective Oral Advocacy,” moderator, OCBA Appellate Law Section

2018

Publications

The Next Wave of Global Litigation (co-author)

Dec 01, 2020

2019–2020 in Review: Notable Civil Cases from the California Supreme Court (co-author)

Dec 01, 2020

Local Governments Have an Important Role in Fighting Coronavirus (co-author)

Mar 15, 2020

Holocaust?Era Art and Property Recovery Claims After Zuckerman (co-author)

Mar 11, 2020

2018 in Review: Notable Civil Cases from the California Supreme Court (co-author)

Dec 01, 2019

LGBT Rights After Justice Kennedy: A Preview of the Three Title VII Cases Slated for the October 2019 U.S. Supreme Court Term (co-author)

Dec 01, 2019

Spokeo v. Robins and the Wrinkle of Standing Under State Law (co-author)

Aug 22, 2019

The State of Article III Standing 3 Years After Spokeo (co-author)

Jun 13, 2019

China Agritech Should Apply to State Class Actions (co-author)

Apr 11, 2019

2017 Year in Review: Notable Published Civil Cases from the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three (co-author)

Dec 01, 2018

Accessing Legal News Amid the Demise of Print Media

Sep 01, 2018

Arbitration After 'Epic Systems v. Lewis': Implications for California Employers (co-author)

May 30, 2018

A Case Where Everyone Wins: Pro Bono Work and a Young Lawyer's Training

Apr 01, 2018

The Arbitrability of Claims Arising Under PAGA (co-author)

Mar 16, 2018