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# Timothy T. Coates

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Timothy Coates is one of the country's leading appellate attorneys representing public entities and their employees. Over the past thirty-eight years, Tim has briefed and argued over 250 appeals in the state and federal appellate courts, including seven victories in the United States Supreme Court. Tim has been recognized as the "go-to" lawyer for governmental entities in civil appeals and related law and motion proceedings in major cases in the areas of civil rights, environmental regulation, employment, and general tort liability.

Tim has also represented managed care organizations and other healthcare providers in medical malpractice actions, breach of contract and bad faith claims, and regulatory matters under the Medicare and Medicaid Acts.

In media, Tim is regularly acknowledged for his success and impact on the law. Reuters named Tim one of the "Top Petitioners" in the United States Supreme Court based on his success in having review granted in that Court, and the Los Angeles Daily Journal recognized Tim as one of the top 100 attorneys in California based on his success in the Supreme Court. In addition, Tim has received the prestigious California Lawyer of the Year award for his United States Supreme Court work. He has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer in the area of appellate practice and has also been named in *The Best Lawyers In America®* (Appellate Law).

## EDUCATION

J.D., UCLA School of Law (1983). UCLA-Alaska Law Review.

A.B., University of Southern California (1979). Phi Beta Kappa.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

California
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Courts of Appeals: Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Courts: Northern, Southern, Eastern, & Central Districts of California

## HONORS

- *California Lawyer* Attorneys of the Year (CLAY Award), conferred by *The Daily Journal/California Lawyer Magazine* (2010)
- *Daily Journal's* Annual Top 100 California Lawyers (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2007 – Present)
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (Appellate Law) (2014 – Present)
- International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA): Amicus Service Award (2017, 2018, 2021, 2022)

## PUBLICATIONS

May 1, 2019 GMSR's Timothy Coates discusses litigating qualified immunity on summary judgment in IMLA Municipal Lawyer

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| Feb 2, 2018 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2017 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2016 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 2, 2015 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2014 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2013 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 3, 2012 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Oct 27, 2011 | Argument preview: Of secrecy and sandwiches (Oct. 27, 2011) SCOTUSblog |
| Feb 23, 2011 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2010 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 2, 2009 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Aug 1, 2008 | Trial: ARM Yourself with Exhibits (July 2008) Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association) Vol. 1, No. 8. |
| Feb 23, 2008 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2007 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2006 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Apr 23, 2005 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2004 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Mar 22, 2003 | I Couldn't Wait to Argue (Spring 2003) 5 The Journal of Appellate Practice and Process 81 |
| Feb 23, 2003 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 2, 2002 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2001 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |
| Feb 23, 2000 | Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB) |

## SPEAKING AND INVOLVEMENT

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| 2022 | Presenter, "Success on Appeal in Section 1983 Cases," International Municipal Lawyers Association |
| 2021 | Presenter, "Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Liability Update," League of California Cities Annual Conference |
| 2021 | Presenter, "Coming Attractions: Open Issues in Civil Rights Litigation Ripe for Supreme Court Review," International Municipal Lawyers Association Webinar |
| 2020 | Panelist, "Qualified Immunity Under Attack –Analysis of Current Attitudes, Application and Attempts at Abolishment," National League of Cities Risk Information Sharing Consortium |

2020 Presenter, "Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Liability Update," League of California Cities Annual Conference

2020 Presenter, "Is It Worth The Time And Expense? Knowing When And Whether To Appeal," International Municipal Lawyers Association's 85th Annual Conference

2019 Presenter, "Covering The Bases — Tips For Successfully Litigating Qualified Immunity On Summary Judgment," International Municipal Lawyers Association's 2019 Mid-Year Seminar

2019 Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update, League of California Cities Annual Conference

2019 The Appeal Killers – Avoiding Reptile Tactics And Other Traps That Can Doom Your Appeal Before It Begins, County Counsels' Association Civil Law & Litigation Conference

2018 Presenter, "Issues With Video Evidence On Appeal"and "Totality Of Circumstances Under Graham v. Connor: How Far Back Do You Go?" International Municipal Lawyers Association's 83rd Annual Conference

2018 Presenter, "Open Issues in Section 1983 Litigation," International Municipal Lawyers Association's 2018 Mid-Year Seminar

2018 Presenter, "Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update," League of California Cities® 2018 Spring Conference

2018 Presenter, "When & Whether To Appeal: A Guide To Appeals in Section 1983 Cases," DRI's Civil Rights & Governmental Tort Liability Seminar

2017 Presenter, "Special Issues for Public Entities in Appellate Practice," International Municipal Lawyers Association's 82nd Annual Conference

2017 Presenter, "Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update," League of California Cities® 2017 Annual Conference

2017 Presenter, "A Moving Target: Evolving Standards On The Establishment Clause," California County Counsel Association Civil Law and Litigation Spring 2017 Conference

2016 Presenter, "United States Supreme Court Search & Seizure cases as applied to SWAT teams," National Tactical Officer Association Legal Summit, Chandler, Arizona, June 2016

2012 Presenter, "What Trial Lawyers Need To Know About Appeals," Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California Chapter

2012 Presenter, "Qualified Immunity and Municipal Liability," La Verne University of Law Section 1983 Symposium

2007 Panelist, "California Government Tort Liability: Claims, Litigation and Recent Developments," California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

2006 Presenter, "Success on Appeal: Advice From Appellate Counsel, Questions an Appellate Lawyer Would Ask and You Should Ask When Taking or Defending an Appeal," County Counsels' Association of California Annual Conference

2005 Presenter, "The Bread and Butter Defenses: A Short Overview of the Claims Statute and Immunities," Los Angeles County Counsel Seminar

2002 Presenter, "Litigating and Settling Section 1983 Fee Claims," Lorman Educational Services, San Diego, California

1999 Recent Developments in Police Civil Liability Litigation

1999 The Human Rights Act: The Practical Implications for British Policing – Learning from the U.S. Experience, London, England

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| 1999 | Presenter, "Civil Writs in the California Courts of Appeal," California State Bar Convention |
| 1994 | Presenter, "Appellate Practice for Public Entities," County Counsels' Association of California Annual Conference |

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), Co-Chair California State Region and Litigation Section
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Seminar Planning and Governmental Liability Committees
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee
- League of California Cities, Public Records Act Publication Committee (2007-2008)
- Federal Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section
- Settlement Officer, California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two

## NOTABLE WINS

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| Mar 16, 2023 | Orcutt v. MacDonald (Mar. 16, 2023, B319016) 2023 WL 2532025 |
| Oct 18, 2021 | Rivas-Villegas v. Cortesluna (2021) 595 U.S. 1 (per curiam) |
| Sep 17, 2021 | Goldberg v. City of Beverly Hills (9th Cir. Sept. 17, 2021, No. 20-55962) 2021 WL 4240381 |
| Jan 31, 2019 | Dondlinger v. Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space Dist. (2019) 31 Cal.App.5th 994 |
| May 4, 2018 | Williams v. Moulton Niguel Water District (2018) 22 Cal.App.5th 1198 |
| Jan 6, 2013 | Los Angeles County Flood Control Dist. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (2013) 568 U.S. 78 |
| Feb 22, 2012 | Messerschmidt v. Millender (2012) 565 U.S. 535 |
| Dec 3, 2010 | Los Angeles County v. Humphries (2010) 562 U.S. 29 |
| Jan 26, 2009 | Van de Kamp v. Goldstein (2009) 555 U.S. 335 |
| May 13, 1991 | County of Riverside v. McLaughlin (1991) 500 U.S. 44 |