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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.

Honors

California Lawyer Magazine: A Lawyer of the Year (Appellate Law) (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)

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

Speaking and Involvement

Presenter, "Success on Appeal in Section 1983 Cases," International Municipal Lawyers Association
2022

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
2021

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
2020

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
2019

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
2018

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
2017

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

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
2012

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

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
2006

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

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

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
1999

Presenter, "Civil Writs in the California Courts of Appeal," California State Bar Convention
1999

Presenter, "Appellate Practice for Public Entities," County Counsels' Association of California Annual Conference
1994

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

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High Impact Wins

Dondlinger v. Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space Dist. (2019) 31 Cal.App.5th 994
Jan 31, 2019

Williams v. Moulton Niguel Water District (2018) 22 Cal.App.5th 1198
May 04, 2018

Los Angeles County Flood Control Dist. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (2013) 568 U.S. 78
Jan 06, 2013

Messerschmidt v. Millender (2012) 565 U.S. 535
Feb 22, 2012

Los Angeles County v. Humphries (2010) 562 U.S. 29
Dec 03, 2010

Van de Kamp v. Goldstein (2009) 555 U.S. 335
Jan 26, 2009

County of Riverside v. McLaughlin (1991) 500 U.S. 44
May 13, 1991

Publications

GMSR's Timothy Coates discusses litigating qualified immunity on summary judgment in IMLA Municipal Lawyer
May 01, 2019

Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB)
Feb 02, 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 02, 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 03, 2012

Argument preview: Of secrecy and sandwiches (Oct. 27, 2011) SCOTUSblog
Oct 27, 2011

Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB)
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 02, 2009

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.
Aug 01, 2008

Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB)
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

I Couldn’t Wait to Argue (Spring 2003) 5 The Journal of Appellate Practice and Process 81
Mar 22, 2003

Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB)
Feb 23, 2003

Federal Civil Rights Act, California Governmental Tort Liability Practice (CEB)
Feb 02, 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