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APPELLATE LAWYERS

Robin Meadow

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Few appellate specialists have successfully tried a jury case. Robin Meadow tried jury cases for over 20 years at a major commercial firm, while also handling appeals, in many fields of law. Over time, he realized that it's nearly impossible to excel at both trials and appeals, because the skill sets and practice rhythms differ completely and often clash. Concluding that his greatest strengths lay in appellate work, Robin joined GMSR in 1994, handling his last trial late that year.

Robin's trial-court experience gives him a unique perspective on appellate work. He understands the demands and pressures trial lawyers face and the many ways that things can go wrong in the trial court. And he is very much at home consulting with trial lawyers during trial, helping them protect their appellate record so they're well positioned to either preserve a victory or overturn a defeat.

Robin's practice at GMSR continues the substantive focus he developed in his earlier years—business disputes, real estate, partnerships, and probate and entertainment law. But, like most appellate lawyers, he is a generalist and at GMSR has also handled multiple significant appeals involving healthcare, family law, personal injury and bankruptcy.

He is also an expert in technology for appellate lawyers and courts. A pioneer in the use of electronic records and briefs, Robin co-authored the California Second District Court of Appeal's first protocol for electronic briefs (since adopted by other California Courts of Appeal), and he filed the first electronic brief ever accepted by a California appellate court.

When he isn't practicing law, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading about history and playing bass guitar in a rock band.

Education

J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law (1971). Order of the Coif, California Law Review (Associate Editor).

A.B., University of California at Berkeley (1968). Phi Beta Kappa.

Honors

A California Lawyer of the Year, *California Lawyer Magazine* (2016)

Los Angeles County Bar Association Pamela E. Dunn Appellate Justice Award (2014)

Best Lawyers' 2013 and 2018 Los Angeles Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year"

Southern California Super Lawyers (Appellate) (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers (2006, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Named in The Best Lawyers in America (Appellate Law) (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Named in Chambers and Partners USA (chambersandpartners.com) as a Band 1 Appellate Litigator

Bar Admissions

California 1972

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

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

Speaking and Involvement

The Argument Clinic, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section
2019

What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education
2016

Wills, Evidence and Henry VIII: A Discussion of Estate of Duke, Beverly Hills Bar Association
2016

Oral Argument: Mastering Techniques of Persuasion Clear Law Institute
2016

Preserving the Record on Appeal, Aviva K. Bobb Advanced Probate Volunteer Panel Attorney Training Symposium
2013

Protecting Your Client After Judgment: Enforcement, Appeal Bonds, and Other Options, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section
2013

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

Everything Trial Lawyers Need to Know About Appeals, Association of Business Trial Lawyers

2012

The Appellate Process in California: An Interactive Workshop, Bridgeport Continuing Education
2011

The Appellate Process in California: An Interactive Workshop, Bridgeport Continuing Education
2010

The Complete Appeal Conference: Strategies from Start to Finish, Pincus Professional Education
2009

Internet Resources: Beyond Lexis and Westlaw
2009

Computer Forensics, UC Riverside series on Science for Lawyers
2009

What Trial Lawyers Don't Know Can Hurt Them, Los Angeles Paralegal Association
2008

Winning Business Litigation Appeals in the California Courts, Orange County Bar Association
2008

The E-Future: How to Make E-Filing and E-Briefs Work for You, 2008 Appellate Justice Institute
2008

The Impact of Technology on Appellate Standards of Review, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers
2008

Oral Argument for the Court's Summer Externs, Second District Court of Appeal (program with Justices Arthur Gilbert and Steven Z. Perren)
2008

Practical Aspects of Appellate Practice, Second District Court of Appeal
2008

The Complete Appeal: Strategies from Start to Finish, Pincus Professional Education
2008

Appellate Law for Mediators, Second District Court of Appeal, Mediation Training Program
2007

Technology for Everyday Appellate Practice, State Bar of California 2006 Annual Meeting
2006

Winning Strategies Using Legislative Intent, State Bar of California 2006 Annual Meeting
2006

The California Supreme Court – A Justice's Perspective (moderator), Association of Business Trial Lawyers
2006

Making The Best Trial Record for Appeal in a Complex Business Case, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
2005

Business Litigation in the Court of Appeal, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
2004

Summer Extern Program - Oral Argument, California Court of Appeal (2004-2011)

2004

Selected Insights on California Supreme Court Practice, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee

2003

Electronic Appellate Practice: Show and Tell, Riverside County Bar Association, Appellate Law Section (panelist)

2003

Common Errors on Appeal, California Center for Judicial Education and Research

2003

Electronic Appellate Practice: Show and Tell, Orange County Bar Association, College of Appellate Advocacy

2002

The Explosion of Litigation Arising from Employee Theft of Trade Secrets, Institute for Corporate Counsel

2002

Legal Research on the Internet, Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute

2001

California Appellate Practice – A Primer for Trial Lawyers, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

2001

Bad Faith, Buss and the Duty to Defend, Title Insurance Subsection of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Real Property Section

2000

Thinking Ahead During Trial: How to Protect and Use the Record on Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Section/Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association

2000

Law and Motion, Los Angeles County Bar Association (May 1999 and May 2000)

1999

California Appellate Practice – A Primer for Trial Lawyers, North Santa Barbara County Bar Association

1999

How To Be an Effective Appellate Court Mediator, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee and Dispute Resolution Services

1999

California Appellate Practice, Association of Business Trial Lawyers

1999

The Virtual Brief, Center for Judicial Education and Research

1999

Electronic Appellate Advocacy, Orange County Bar Association, Appellate Law Section

1999

Written Advocacy/Law & Motion, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 16th Annual Las Vegas Convention

1998

Appellate Law for Trial Lawyers and for Those Who Supervise Them, Chicago Title Insurance Company
1997

Hot Issues from Trial to Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Section
1997

Appellate Settlement Conferences – Different Strokes for Different Folks, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee
1997

Appellate Settlement Conferences – Techniques for Settlement Officers, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee
1996

Creating a Winning Record on Appeal: What Trial Lawyers Need To Know, San Fernando Valley Bar Association (March 1995) and law firm presentation
1995

What's New in Tort and Trial: 1994 in Review, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
1995

Ponzi Schemes and Trust Deed Fraud, Title Insurance Subsection of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Real Property Section
1993

Steering Through the Minefield: How to Protect the Record on Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Convention
1993

Protecting the Record on Appeal, California Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention
1990

Condominium Homeowners Associations, Continuing Education of the Bar (1985-1986)
1985

Condominium Homeowners Associations, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Benjamin S. Crocker Symposium
1993

Professional Associations

Member, California Academy of Appellate Lawyers (President, 2006-2007)

Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Los Angeles County Bar Association: President, 2003-2004; Appellate Courts Committee, 1978-present (Chair, 2001-2003); Arbitration Executive Committee, 1978-1983 (Chair, 1980-1983); Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1979-1981 and 1983-1985 (Chair, 1983-1985); Juvenile Justice Committee, 1988-1989 (Co-Chair); Association Representative to the Children's Court Design Committee, 1988-1992; Appellate Elections Evaluation Committee, 1989-2001 (Vice-Chair, 1992-1994); Professional Liability Insurance Committee, 1989-1993; Audit & Finance Committee, 1995-2000 (Chair, 1997-2000); Ad Hoc President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession, 2013

Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Bar Foundation (funds law-related public interest programs) (1989-1990)

American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Appellate Advocacy Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Member, Board of Directors, Public Counsel (pro bono legal services) (1988-1996) (President, 1994-1995)

Member of Steering Committee and Mediator, Mediation Program, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District

Member, Chancery Club of Los Angeles

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Editorial Board, Association of Business Trial Lawyers

High Impact Wins

In re Estate of Duke (2015) 61 Cal.4th 871

Jul 27, 2015

Sheridan v. Touchstone Television Productions, LLC (2015) 241 Cal.App.4th 508

Oct 20, 2015

Novak v. Fay (2015) 236 Cal.App.4th 329

Apr 28, 2015

Wilson v. Southern Cal. Edison Co. (2015) 234 Cal.App.4th 123

Feb 09, 2015

Celador Internat., Inc. v. American Broadcasting Cos., Inc. (9th Cir. 2012) 499 Fed.Appx. 721

Dec 03, 2012

Ginsberg v. Gamson (2012) 205 Cal.App.4th 873

Apr 30, 2012

Publications

GMSR's Robin Meadow co-authors article explaining the ins and outs of statements of decision

Mar 01, 2019

Protecting the Record for Appeal (2011) Los Angeles Lawyer's Survival Guide for New Attorneys, pp. 57-58.

Sep 15, 2011

Appendixes, Exhibits, and E-Briefs in the Court of Appeal (Sept. 2008) Los Angeles Lawyer, pp. 19-23.

Sep 01, 2008

A Few of My Favorite Things: Technology Tips for Lawyers Who Write (Mar. 2008) Orange County Lawyer, pp. 30-32.

Mar 01, 2008

A New Pro Bono Frontier: California's Court of Appeal

Dec 27, 2007

Motion Practice: Admissible Evidence

Nov 01, 2007

The Looming Crisis in California's Courts: Apathy Over the Budget Crisis Imperils a Cornerstone of Our Democratic System

Jul 01, 2003

Appellate Law – Bearing the Burden of Increasing Caseloads

Mar 01, 2002

A Smile on His Face and in His Heart

Oct 01, 2001

Lawyers, Mediators Should Applaud the "Foxgate" Ruling

Jul 25, 2001

Proximate Cause: A Question of Fact or Policy

Feb 01, 2000

Objections: The Moment of Truth

Jun 01, 1999

Title Defense

May 01, 1998

Oral Argument et al.: An Interview With Justice Norman Epstein

Feb 01, 1997

Demystifying the Appellate Process

Oct 01, 1996

An Appealing Settlement Program, ABTL Report

May 01, 1996

Is It Too Late to Settle? Problems with Settlement After Adjudication, (Feb. 1996) Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report, pp. 7-10.

Feb 01, 1996

Is It Too Late to Settle? Problems with Settlement After Adjudication

Feb 01, 1996

Heirs Unapparent

Jun 01, 1994

Taking Care of the Record on Appeal

Mar 01, 1993

Appealability of Trial Court Orders

May 01, 1992

Summary Judgment Motions

May 01, 1991

Protecting the Record on Appeal

Aug 01, 1990

Los Angeles Lawyer: Special Issue on Appellate Practice (Aug. 1990)

Aug 01, 1990

The Lawyer's Image is No Joke

Sep 01, 1986

Sanctions for Frivolous Appeals

Sep 01, 1985

Television Formats – The Search for Protection

Jan 01, 1970