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Ted Xanders is a Co-Managing Partner of Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland. For over almost three decades, he has helped trial counsel, corporate counsel, individuals, and insurers in both trial and appellate courts. His services include preparing summary judgment and post-judgment motions, monitoring trials, and ultimately preparing successful appellate briefs.

Ted has successfully represented clients in appeals and writs that span the legal spectrum, including administrative law, antitrust, bankruptcy, business contract and tort, employment, entertainment, family law and leave, government tort liability, immigration, insurance, legal and medical malpractice, personal injury, products liability, real property, and unfair business practices. He joined the team of appellate lawyers at GMSR in 1997, after seven years as a business litigator with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

He is a member of the election-only California Academy of Appellate Lawyers and he is on the Board of Directors and Co-Chair of the Amicus Committee for the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC). He received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1989, where he was a finalist in the William Minor Lile appellate moot court competition, received the Johnson & Swanson award for appellate advocacy, and was Notes Editor for the Journal of Law & Politics. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree (Political Science) magna cum laude from Duke University in 1985. Ted is an avid world traveler, backpacker, and photographer, and has visited nearly fifty countries.

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law (1989), Journal of Law & Politics (Notes Editor), Finalist, William Minor Lile Moot Court, Johnson & Swanson award (appellate advocacy).

B.A., Duke University (1985). Magna cum laude.

Honors

Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2019 – Present)

Recognized by Best Lawyers® in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Appellate Practice) (2023-2025)

Bar Admissions

California; D.C.

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals: Fifth and Ninth Circuits

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

Speaking and Involvement

Success on Appeal in Section 1983 Cases; International Municipal Lawyers Association

2022

Be A Good Friend — A Guide To Amicus Briefs In Trial and Appellate Courts; International Municipal Lawyers Association annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota

2021

Getting Younger — A Guide To Abstention, Rooker-Feldman, And Other Defenses To Federal Civil Rights Actions That We All Learned In Law School, But May Have Forgotten; International Municipal Lawyers Association Mid-Year Seminar

2021

Reptiles, Picassos & Stealth Bombers: Tips for combatting plaintiffs' Reptile Theory & other aggressive efforts to inflate non-economic tort damages; International Municipal Lawyers Association annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia

2019

How To Apply Howell: Discovery, motion and trial tactics for combatting inflated claims for medical economic damages, Sutter Health Webinar

2019

The Judiciary's Response To Sexual Harassment (moderator), California Academy of Appellate Lawyers - 2019 Pasadena Meeting

2019

Torpedo-Proof Your Motion For Summary Judgment, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel - January 2019 Annual Seminar

2019

Leave No Pebley Unturned: Discovery Regarding Medical Bills in the Post-Pebley World, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Orange County Seminar

2018

The Importance of Post-Judgment Motions, MCLE presentation, Los Angeles Law Library

2017

Reptiles, Picassos and Stealth Bombers: Tips for Combatting Plaintiffs' "Reptile" Theory and Other Aggressive Efforts to Inflate Non-Economic Tort Damages, ACIC's 27th Annual General Counsel Seminar in Las Vegas

2016

Using Appellate Counsel At Trial, MCLE presentation at GMSR Los Angeles

2016

"Secret Agents": The Coverage You Didn't Think You'd Be Providing, ACIC's 26th Annual General

Counsel Seminar

2015

The Importance Of Post-Judgment Motions: An Appellate Lawyer's Perspective, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Seminar

2015

Exclusions And Concurrent Coverage, Association of California Insurance Companies Annual Seminar

2014

Preserving Your Record On Appeal, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Annual Seminar

2014

Appellate Tips For Trial Lawyers, Orange County Bar Business Litigation Section Seminar

2013

Professional Associations

California Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Amicus Committee)

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Association of Business Trial Lawyers

Glendale Bar Association

Notable Wins

Newland v. County of Los Angeles (2018) 24 Cal.App.5th 676

Jun 20, 2018

City of Los Angeles v. AECOM Services, Inc. (9th Cir. 2017) 854 F.3d 1149

Apr 27, 2017

Corona Summit LLC v. SPUSO5 Corona Summit, L.P. (June 27, 2013, B226933) 2013 WL 3286181

Jun 27, 2013

Ladd v. Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc. (2010) 184 Cal.App.4th 1298

May 25, 2010

Leko v. Cornerstone Building Inspection Service (2001) 86 Cal.App.4th 1109

Jan 31, 2001

DeCuir v. County of Los Angeles (1998) 64 Cal.App.4th 75

May 21, 1998

Publications

“A ‘clear and convincing’ appellate standard,” Daily Journal (August 4, 2020)

Aug 04, 2020

GMSR’s Ted Xanders and Nadia Sarkis discuss tactics for combating inflated non-economic tort damages in IMLA Municipal Lawyer

Feb 18, 2020

Is The Pendergrass Rule Greener On The Other Side?: The Need For Strict Limits On Promissory Fraud Claims After Riverisland.

Apr 28, 2017

Offers of Proof: Avoid Waiving the Right to a New Trial or to an Appeal (June 2008) Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association), Vol. 1, No. 7.

Jun 30, 2008

Let’s Be Clear: Trial Attorneys Need to Establish a Comprehensible Trial Record for Appellate Review (May 2008) Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association), Vol. 1, No. 6.

May 13, 2008

A Handyman’s Guide to Fixing National Security Leaks: An Analytical Framework For Evaluating Proposals To Curb Unauthorized Publication Of Classified Information (1989) 5 J. L. & Pol. 759.

Jan 01, 1989
