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PRIMARY PRACTICES

Class Action Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Labor & Employment

Labor & Employment Class Action

Litigation

Non-Competition & Trade Secret

Litigation

Tort Litigation

Employment Litigation

John D. Drdek is an associate in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of both the Litigation and Labor & Employment Groups. His practice focuses on representing employers in complex litigation, including wage-and-hour class and representative actions, Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) claims, and multi-million dollar employment disputes. John has successfully defended clients ranging from startups to Fortune 500 companies across a range of industries.

John is experienced in all phases of litigation, including developing case strategy, managing high-volume e-discovery, taking and defending depositions, arguing dispositive motions, and preparing cases for trial. John also advises employers on risk mitigation, compliance, and pre-litigation resolution of workplace disputes.

Before attending Stanford Law School, John earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts and worked in the entertainment industry as a writer and producer. He also serves as a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, with a prior deployment to Afghanistan as part of Special Operations Joint Task Force.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of California
- Southern District, California
- Central District, California
- Northern District, California
- Eastern District, California

EDUCATION

- Stanford Law School J.D., 2016
- Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Academic Excellence; Pro Bono Distinction Award
- University of Southern California, B.A., Cinematic Arts, magna cum laude, 1998
- Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society

AWARDS & HONORS

- Ones to Watch, Best Lawyers®, Commercial Litigation, 2025-26; Labor and Employment Law – Management, 2026; Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2026
- San Diego's Men of Influence, SD Metro, 2024, 2025
- Veteran Leaders of Influence, San Diego Business Journal, 2024

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- San Diego County Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers – San Diego
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Mensa International
- National Eagle Scout Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Veterans Legal Institute
- American Legion – Post 416