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Brian Headman is a litigator, trial attorney, and advisor with expertise in complex, high-stakes disputes. Brian represents government, public entity, and private clients, and has an established record of success in difficult matters. Brian's litigation work focuses on three primary areas: construction claims, commercial litigation, and serious wrongful death and injury cases.

Construction Claims. Representation of owners and construction professionals in claims and litigation arising from public and private projects. Emphasis on heavy civil infrastructure, transportation, rail, utility, water, education facilities, multi-family, and commercial development. Successful resolution of claims for delay and disruption, acceleration, changed/unforeseen conditions, defective work, design disputes, prompt payment, and complex insurance and surety-related matters. Brian has worked on some of the largest projects and claims in the State.

Commercial Litigation. All forms of commercial disputes, including those involving breach of contract, business torts, fraud, corporate and partnership disputes, trade secrets, and unfair competition. This work has included high-profile public agency disputes, state and federal false claims act cases, education/charter school writs and appeals, and real estate nondisclosure actions.

Wrongful Death and Injury. Serious product liability, death, and injury cases, with a focus on litigation arising in the construction, real estate, and government contracting sectors. In the past 10 years, Brian has successfully resolved more than \$150 million in claims on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants.

As an advisor, Brian emphasizes strategic, practical solutions. Brian handles sensitive negotiations and counsels clients on matters involving public and private contracting, procurement, California Coastal Act/Local Coastal Program compliance, public agency dispute resolution, and FOIA and California Public Records Act issues.

Brian is an advocate for responsible development and the preservation of sensitive environmental resources, native habitat, and open space in the Santa Monica Mountains and throughout Southern California.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Construction Claims

- › Trial counsel for unified public school district in a 10-week jury trial against national general contractor and multiple subcontractors related to the construction of a multi-building campus. Obtained jury verdict in favor of the school district awarding the contractors zero on their multi-million dollar delay and disruption claims.
- › Lead claims and litigation counsel for multiple County transportation authorities across the State. Successfully handled hundreds of millions of dollars in disputes across billions of dollars of highway, bridge, tunnel, and rail construction projects through litigation, DRB hearings, ADR, and mediation.
- › Lead litigation counsel for the largest supplier of treated water in the United States in a complex multi-party dispute regarding the demolition, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of a water reservoir and surrounding infrastructure.

Commercial Litigation

- › Obtained \$26 million settlement for the County of Orange as a member of the trial team in the County's notable fraud, California False Claims Act, and breach of contract litigation against a multi-billion dollar international software company.
- › Lead writs and appeal counsel in the *Oxford Preparatory Academy v. Chino Valley Unified School District* litigation. In a major win, the Court of Appeal resolved novel education law issues and held that a California charter school has a fundamental vested right to continue to operate its schools.
- › Lead litigation counsel for the buyers of a historic, mid-century modern home against sellers and broker/agents related to concealed structural defects and water intrusion. Strategic approach resulted in an excellent pre-trial settlement payment far greater than the full purchase price of the property, which exceeded the statutory cap on such property damage claims.
- › Lead trial counsel for Head Start education provider in multi-year funding litigation against non-profit entity, resulting in a very favorable settlement on the eve of trial.

Wrongful Death and Injury

- › Litigation counsel for international manufacturer of construction lift equipment in multiple wrongful death and serious injury matters relating to the use of its products in commercial construction settings.
- › Litigation counsel for federal military contractor in successful jury trial of international military air disaster involving complex product liability claims and federal government contractor defenses.
- › Litigation counsel for aircraft component part manufacturer. Favorably settled all claims arising from the crash of a Los Angeles news gathering helicopter.
- › Lead trial counsel in successful litigation on behalf of plaintiffs in deadly multi-vehicle accident, resulting in a life-changing confidential settlement for the surviving spouse and heirs.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- › The Best Lawyers in America[®] 2025 - 2026
- › Southern California Super Lawyers (Rising Star 2016 - 2022)

NEWS

- › Theodora Oringer PC Attorneys Listed In The 2026 Edition Of The Best Lawyers In America[®]
- › Theodora Oringer PC Attorneys Listed In The 2025 Edition Of The Best Lawyers In America[®]

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- › Theodora Oringer Attorneys Selected To Super Lawyers 2022 Southern California Rising Stars List
 - › Theodora Oringer Attorneys Selected to Super Lawyers 2021 Southern California Rising Stars List

PRACTICE AREAS

- › Appellate
- › Business and Commercial Litigation
- › Construction
- › Product Liability
- › Real Estate Litigation

ADMISSIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

- › California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- › United States District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California

EDUCATION

- › The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business, 2009 B.S.,
 - › *cum laude*
 - › University Scholarship Recipient
- › University of San Diego School of Law, 2012 J.D.,
 - › Executive Board Member and National Competitor, University of San Diego
 - › Appellate Moot Court