

## Todd C. Toral

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**Areas of Focus**

Hedge, Investment, and  
Private Equity Funds

Bankruptcy and  
Restructuring

Business Litigation

Fintech and Crypto Assets



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### Overview

**Todd C. Toral is a Co-Chair of the firm’s Financial Litigation Practice whose practice focuses on serving clients in the financial services, insurance, entertainment, and real estate sectors. Sponsors of private investment funds seek his guidance on regulatory enforcement, fiduciary obligations, or when disputes lead to the courtroom.**

A litigator, Todd counsels his clients in matters involving breach of contract, business tort, unfair business practices, insolvency, insurance recovery, and domestic and foreign tax disputes. Todd currently serves as lead counsel in the workout, restructuring, and litigation of a publicly traded commercial real estate fund with \$60B AUM. Todd is also lead counsel on behalf of an international real estate developer in an internal investigation and multi-forum litigation arising out of an alleged \$100M fraud concerning a failed development of a multi-family improvement in Southern California. In Northern California, Todd has served as lead trial and receiver’s counsel over the assets of one of the largest privately held broadcasting companies in the United States, in the foreclosure and litigation over the assets of the single largest owner of multi-family apartment buildings in San Francisco, and successfully defended in multi-year and multi-forum proceedings the insiders of a large international private equity enterprise from environmental, fraudulent conveyance, ERISA, and breach of fiduciary duty claims arising out of a twice failed steel manufacturer. For his successful defense of a major international hotel chain, Todd was recognized by *The Los Angeles Business Journal* among its “Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers” in 2022. The client faced a class action lawsuit regarding a property system incident, but Todd and the team won dismissal of the complaint. *The Journal* also recognized Todd with this award in 2020.

Todd approaches his practice with the discipline, focus, and commitment to service gleaned from his eight years in the Marine Corps. His pro bono work focuses on matters involving national security, international human rights, and veteran affairs. For example, Todd represented two civilian Department of Defense lawyers who fought the US government's illegal conduct during the prosecution of the alleged mastermind behind the USS Cole bombing. He also represented a class of catastrophically wounded soldiers, sailors, and Marines in contested proceedings against the VA in a successful effort to secure their rights to lifelong medical care. Todd currently represents an Afghani national in his effort to obtain asylum in the United States after supporting US armed forces in Afghanistan. Todd also represents multiple Gold Star Families in an action against Lafarge, a French industrial company that pleaded guilty to bribing ISIS in Syria, illegal conduct that both supported international terrorism in the region and led directly to the deaths of multiple soldiers, sailors, and Marines.

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- Real Estate Transactions
- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds
- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Business Litigation
- Financial Litigation
- Fintech and Crypto Assets
- Real Estate and Hospitality
- Investor and Securities Litigation
- Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
- International Arbitration
- Sports and Gaming
- Post-*Chevron* Task Force
- India
- Middle East
- Space

## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- California
- District of Columbia
- New York

### **Education**

- University of San Francisco School of Law, JD
- Harvard University, MA
- New York University School of Law, LLM
- San Jose State University, BA

### **Court Admissions**

- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Veterans Claims
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US District Court, District of Colorado
- US District Court, District of Columbia
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York
- US District Court, Northern District of New York
- US District Court, Southern District of New York
- US District Court, Western District of New York
- US Tax Court

### **Clerkships**

- Hon. Ming W. Chin, California Supreme Court
- Judge Randall Newsome, US Bankruptcy Court

### **Service / Recognition**

#### **Awards**

- *The American Lawyer*, Litigator of the Week, Runner-Up, 2026
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*, 2026
- Capitol Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2025

- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2020
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Lawyers, 2020, 2022
- Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award, 2019
- *National Law Journal*, Cryptocurrency Trailblazer, 2018
- *Legal 500 US*, Industry Focus - Insurance - Advice to Policyholders, 2018
- *Corporate International Awards*, Cross Border Litigation Lawyer of the Year in California, 2017

## **Community**

- Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, Appellate Panelist
- Crystal Stairs, Former Member, Board of Directors
- Bet Tzedek, Member, Board of Directors
- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 223, Assistant Scout Master

## **Service to the Bar**

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Bar Association International Law Section, Vice Chair, Year-In-Review; International Arbitration Committee, 2020-2021; Member, 2021 Outstanding International Corporate Counsel Award Committee; Member, 2020 Los Angeles Conference Planning Committee
- American Society of International Law, Member