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AREAS OF FOCUS

[Appellate Practice](#)

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A tenacious litigator and trusted advisor, Justin Goodwin is the attorney clients turn to with their most challenging problems.

Justin's strategic, client-centered approach focuses on achieving results tailored to each client's unique needs, whether that means obtaining a creative, early resolution or aggressively litigating to an appellate victory. He understands that identifying the simplest, most elegant solution to a problem often requires thinking outside the box. In some instances, this means ignoring the prevailing framing of an issue in favor of a novel argument derived from first principles. In other instances, it means forgoing conventional litigation strategies altogether. In a recent trade-secrets arbitration, for example, Justin understood that the parties' unresolved emotions would prevent a conventional settlement. Rather than forging ahead with a costly evidentiary hearing, Justin laid the groundwork for the parties to resolve their differences through an asset acquisition.

Justin spent the first part of his career at Gibson Dunn, where he litigated bet-the-company class actions. He specializes in complex commercial litigation and class action defense, with a focus on consumer and wage and hour class actions. Justin has represented Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes litigation across a variety of industries, including technology, media, automotive, manufacturing, and retail. In addition to defeating class certification in numerous California and nationwide class and collective actions, he has also tackled thorny cases involving trade secrets, patent infringement, securities fraud, defamation, wrongful termination, and PAGA claims.

Among his recent first-chair successes, Justin obtained complete defense verdicts for a leading fintech company following multi-week arbitrations. In another hard-fought victory, Justin obtained the voluntary dismissal of a patent infringement claim after positioning the case for summary judgment. The lawsuit had threatened to stifle the development of immunotherapies for the treatment of cancer patients.

In 2021, Justin was named to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal's annual "Top 40 Under 40" list, which profiles California's leading lawyers under the age of 40. The Los Angeles Business Journal named Justin a "Leader of Influence" in 2023, and he recently was recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers in America." Justin has also secured several key appellate victories, including a Ninth Circuit decision recognized as a "Top 5 Appellate Reversal of 2014" by the Daily Journal.

Justin maintains an active pro bono practice, recently obtaining asylum for a child fleeing persecution in Central America and securing a permanent restraining order for a victim of domestic violence. In his spare time, Justin enjoys rock climbing, baseball, and camping with his three children.

Experience

- After securing dismissal of a consumer class action against a leading fintech company, Justin first-chaired multi-week evidentiary hearings in two arbitrations spun off from the class action, obtaining a complete defense verdict in each.
- Defeated class certification in wage-and-hour class action brought against nationwide retailer.
- Obtained a published Ninth Circuit decision reversing a remand order and paving the way to decertify a wage-and-hour class that had been certified in state court.
- Obtained dismissal on preemption grounds of a proposed nationwide class action lawsuit against a major retailer alleging that consumers had paid a "pink tax" on a women's hair-loss treatment that was priced higher than the similar men's treatment.
- Representing a cancer researcher and professor of medicine at a leading research university, defeated a patent-infringement action that threatened to stifle the development of potentially lifesaving immunotherapies for the treatment of cancer.

Credentials

Education

- Stanford Law School, J.D.
- University of California, Irvine, B.A., Political Science

Prior Affiliations

- Willenken Wilson Loh & Delgado LLP, 2018-2019

- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 2011-2018

Admissions

- Admitted in California

Federal Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of California

Awards

- *Benchmark Litigation*, “Future Star” (2023-2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, “Best Lawyer,” Commercial Litigation (2024-Present)
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, “Leaders of Influence: Thriving in their 40’s” (2023)
- *Benchmark Litigation*, “40 & Under” (2023)
- *Super Lawyers*, “Super Lawyer” (2022-Present)
- *Daily Journal*, “Top 40 Under 40” (2021)
- *Daily Journal*, “Top Appellate Reversals of 2014” (2015)

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, “Navigating Article III Standing in Class Action Litigation,” 2023 Bridgeport Class Action Litigation Conference (September 22, 2023)
- Presenter, “Class Certification/Developments Including the en banc Decision in *Olean v. Bumblebee*,” 2022 Bridgeport Class Action Litigation Conference (September 16, 2022)
- Presenter, “It’s Not Mythical After All: A Case Study of a Class Action Trial,” ACC Mountain West – Nutrition Law Symposium (September 9, 2022)
- Moderator, “The In-House Counsel’s Consumer Class Action Defense Checklist,” ACC Washington Chapter 2nd Annual Business Summit (September 13, 2018)