



Daniel Grunfeld, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Prior to joining Judicate West, Dan Grunfeld had a long, multi-faceted and acclaimed legal career. He has served as lead counsel representing both plaintiffs and defendants in nationally noted verdicts, led office and state-wide Litigation Departments for two national law firms, served as an office loss-prevention partner, and led the nation's largest public interest law firm. Yet, he considers his role as a Judicate West neutral and Director of Commercial Arbitration as the capstone of his career. The opportunity to serve others by crafting a path forward through difficult disputes, and finding common ground where none seems to exist, has defined Dan's career, and it is what he loves to do. As a veteran of countless disputes, and as an arbitrator, Dan keenly understands the importance of adjudicating matters that are often of fundamental importance to those involved to a conclusion that is legally sound, fair, and final. In all of his efforts, Dan offers a sharp intellect, doggedness, patience, sound judgment, creativity, carefully honed listening and people skills, and a unique perspective to the dynamics, challenges, and strategies faced by litigants on all sides of a dispute.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Director of Commercial Arbitration and Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2024-Present)
- Consultant, Independent; Specialized in trial, litigation, and mediation strategy (2020-2024)
- Leader of West Coast Litigation Group and Office Loss Prevention Partner, Morgan Lewis & Bockius; Specialized in business and IP litigation (2013-2017)
- Co-Managing Partner of LA and Silicon Valley Offices and Co-Head of LA Litigation Group, Kaye Scholer LLP; Specialized in real estate, products liability, entertainment and civil rights litigation (2009-2013)
- Partner, McDermott, Will & Emery; Specialized in business and commercial litigation
- Associate, Sachs & Phelps; Specialized in business, commercial, and real estate litigation
- Associate, Lillick, McHose & Charles; Specialized in business, commercial, and real estate litigation (1986-1988)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Cornell University Law School (1984-1986)
- B.A., Drexel University (1977-1982)
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine (2024)
- Chancery Club, Member (2002-Present)
- Pardee RAND Graduate School, Board of Directors (2009-2017)
- California Lawyer Magazine, Editorial Advisory Board (1999-2015)
- Los Angeles Multicultural Leadership Coalition, Member (2003-2012)
- City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Commission, Chairperson (2006-2007)
- Mayor of Los Angeles Homeland Security Committee (2006-2007)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Elections Committee (2002-2007)
- Public Counsel, President/Chief Executive Officer (1998-2007)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial Litigation; Civil Rights; Governmental/Public Agency; Professional Malpractice; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Beverly Hills Bar Association 'Excellence in Advocacy' Award (2018)
- Inner City Law Center 'Katherin Krause Award' (2015)
- California Lawyer Magazine 'California Attorney of the Year' Award for Public Interest Law/Pro Bono (2007, 2015)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Lawdragon Magazine 'Top 500 Leading Lawyers in America' (2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2014- 2016)
- Daily Journal 'Top 100 Lawyers in California' (1998-2007, 2014-2016)
- Los Angeles Business Journal 'In Kind Supporter of the Year' Award (2014)
- Authored numerous articles; Column 'Grinfeld at Large' was published in California Lawyer Magazine and the Daily Journal
- Presented for dozens of legal organizations including LACBA, BHBA, Institute of Corporate Counsel, Bloomberg Law Seminal, Judiciary Committee of the CA State Senate, as well as various law schools and diverse bar associations

LOCATIONS

Dan loves to travel and has visited over 80 countries. With a passion for the outdoors, he has hiked, biked, kayaked, and scuba-dived all over the world. He also enjoys reading both fiction and non, finding hole-in-the-wall restaurants, and is an avid sports fan and golfer. He has served on a multitude of non-profit boards, and civic and bar committees.

Los Angeles, All of California