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Biography

Andrew is a strategic and pragmatic litigator and trial attorney. He has extensive experience handling high-stakes matters in both state and federal courts, across a broad range of industries, including real estate, finance, entertainment, cannabis, and local government law. Andrew approaches each case with a customized strategy, steering clients through the legal landscape with a communicative and business-first approach and offering clear guidance throughout the engagement. With a strong track record at each stage of litigation—from resolving sensitive pre-litigation issues to acting in a leadership role on trial teams—Andrew delivers results. He helps clients achieve their objectives with a focus on both legal and business outcomes.

Prior to joining Kibler Fowler & Cave LLP, Andrew developed his practice at prominent national and international firms, including Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP and DLA Piper.

Andrew's representative experience prior to joining Kibler Fowler & Cave includes:

- Representation of a bank in a fraud investigation and multi-stage jury trial, securing a verdict and full award of damages against the bank's account holder and an award of 100% of the client's attorneys' fees.
- Representation of a large California public agency in litigation against a public utility relating to the utility's purported obligation to remove decades-old, massive underground tunnels from the client's property. Andrew helped secure a settlement on beneficial terms for the client.
- Representation of a large California public agency in litigation brought by a wealthy homeowner. The matter involved a novel theory that certain earthworks in a body of water had caused increased wave activity and erosion of the plaintiff's waterfront property. Andrew assisted in settling the matter, which had been in litigation for almost 15 years.
- Representation of a client operating in the health-care space relating to a United States Attorney's criminal investigation into the business practices of the client and its partners, and related representation of the client in several multi-million dollar civil lawsuits arising from the investigation.
- Representation of a well-known cannabis company in pre-bankruptcy litigation against numerous vendors, contractual counterparties, government entities, and other interested parties.
- Representation of an elderly couple who were victims of a sophisticated scheme executed by a con-artist who defrauded the clients out of millions of dollars in equity in their real estate portfolio. The

representation involved a wide-ranging investigation into numerous parties and the successful tracing of stolen funds through financial systems.

- Representation of a retail technology company in bet-the-company litigation against their manufacturer for the faulty design and build of the client's primary consumer product. After arbitration in front of a Singapore arbitration venue, the team obtained a full, eight-figure award plus attorneys' fees.
- Representation of two founders of fashion brands, including an iconic brand credited by Vogue as inventing the "skinny jean" trend, against their capital partners.
- Resolution of numerous disputes during the pre-litigation phase, including a \$50 million dispute on behalf of a developer client and a \$16 million dispute on behalf of a landlord client.
- Representation of a leading hospitality company in a nationwide docket of cases testing the boundaries of premises liability for the criminal actions of third parties.
- Extensive experience in efficiently resolving commercial leasing disputes, including breach of lease and unlawful detainer actions. Relevant experience includes representing a commercial landlord client in an unlawful detainer trial in California Superior Court, securing a verdict in full.

Andrew also has an active pro bono practice. His pro bono representations include securing a two-year asylum extension for an Afghani national, and successfully securing \$15,000 in back payments from the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services for the mother of an adopted autistic child. Prior to law school, Andrew worked at the Ohio Innocence Project.

Andrew earned his bachelor's degree in International Relations-Global Business from the University of Southern California and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. At Georgetown, Andrew served as Articles Editor of the *American Criminal Law Review* and participated in Law Students in Court, a practical clinic representing tenants in court. Andrew also worked in various governmental roles, including for the Department of Commerce, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Montgomery County, Maryland County Attorneys' Office on a wide range of disputes.

Areas of Practice

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
- University of Southern California, B.A.

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Publications

- Co-Author, "[California Supreme Court Enforces Contractual Forum Selection Clause Where the Chosen Forum Would Deprive a California Resident of the Right to a Jury Trial](#)" (*KF&C California Law Blog*, August 12, 2025)