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Gregory (Greg) Knopp is a partner in the Labor & Employment Law Department in the Los Angeles office.

Greg defends companies in class and collective actions and other complex disputes. He has argued successfully before state and federal courts across the country and has obtained dismissals of class actions in dozens of high-profile, highly consequential matters.

Greg's clients range from entertainment companies to prominent retailers to professional sports leagues. He has also worked with financial services and other professional services firms, along with clients in the technology, transportation and healthcare spaces. All look to Greg for his ability to quickly spot legal issues and to determine strategies to maximize advantage.

With more than 20 years of experience in employment litigation, Greg has represented clients in a wide range of employment disputes involving wage and hour issues, issues specific to California employment law, sexual harassment, and arbitration compulsion.

## **Matters**

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## Representative Experience

- Conducted significant investigation into allegations of sexual harassment by multiple individuals at a prominent entertainment company.
- Defended a prominent retail company through trial and obtained successful result in a California-wide representative action in which the plaintiff sought civil penalties in excess of \$100 million.
- Assisted a professional sports league in obtaining dismissal of nationwide putative class action by former professional athletes claiming the league was responsible for injuries resulting from alleged improper administration of painkillers.
- Obtained dismissal of Private Attorney General Act Claim alleging various wage and hour violations on behalf of all California employees of prominent food and beverage retail company.
- Secured dismissal of class action against a national arts and crafts retailer in a California-wide class action in which the plaintiff claimed that the company systematically failed to pay employees for time spent working at the end of their shifts.

## Practices

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California Employment Law, Class & Collective Actions, ERISA Litigation, Employment Litigation, Labor & Employment, Labor Management Relations, Restrictive Covenants, Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition, Wage and Hour, Whistleblowing & Retaliation

## Industries

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Entertainment, Private Capital, Financial Services, Health Care, Life Sciences, Sports, Technology, Media & Telecommunications

## Education

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Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.  
High Honors

Cornell University, B.A.

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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California

New York

District of Columbia

#### Court Admissions

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U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, California, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, California, Southern District

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, New York, Southern District

#### Awards & Recognition

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Chambers USA: California: Leading Lawyer in Labor and Employment Law, 2010-2018 and 2021-2023

Daily Journal, Top Labor and Employment Lawyer, Class Action Defense Work, 2010, 2012-2014, 2016, 2018-2019, 2022

Law 360, Employment Practice Group of the Year, 2009,2013,2015-2016

The Legal 500 US, Leader in Labor and Employment Law, 2018-2023

Los Angeles Business Journal, Leaders of Influence: "Labor and Employment Attorneys," 2022

Los Angeles Business Journal, "Leader in Law," 2018

Los Angeles Business Journal, "Top Litigators in Los Angeles," 2018, 2020

Best Lawyers in America 2024