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Overview

Amir Kaltgrad represents businesses and individuals in a variety of commercial litigation matters, including shareholder and partnership disputes, professional malpractice, complex business torts, real estate, and contract disputes. An experienced trial attorney, Amir provides comprehensive representation in complex business litigation through all phases of the trial process, from client intake through trial and beyond, including motion practice and appeals.

Amir's recent notable cases include obtaining a defense verdict, after an eight-week jury trial, in a \$100 million partnership dispute arising from the acquisition of a wellness resort and obtaining a \$32 million judgment for cyber theft by a former officer of a digital internet advertising company.

Amir has valuable trial experience in federal and state court in cases of first impression, including representing clients in high-stakes litigation and white collar criminal defense. He also has experience defending individuals and corporations in a range of criminal and regulatory matters, including securities and health care fraud.

Experience

- Obtained a defense award as lead counsel in three-day arbitration on behalf of insurance company where former employee claimed \$1 million in damages for alleged breach of contract. *Perilman v. Atlas General Holdings*.

- Obtained a defense verdict as second-chair trial counsel on fraud claim asserted against CBD company. *Herman v. Coffman*.
- Obtained a defense verdict as lead trial counsel on behalf of family-run furniture distribution company where former CEO sought \$3 million in damages for breach of contract. *Corbin v. Oak Furniture West LLC*.
- Obtained dismissal in federal court on behalf of leading global brand licensing agency in contract dispute regarding breach of exclusive licensing agreement, tortious interference, and negligence on agency principle of conditional privilege and Illinois' economic loss doctrine. *Argento SC by Sicura Inc. v. Turtle Wax Inc.*
- Obtained reversal on appeal of order denying summary judgment with instructions on remand to enter summary judgment and instructions to reevaluate amount of attorneys' fees awarded under Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5 in light of total success on appeal. *California DUI Lawyers Association v. California Department of Motor Vehicles*.
- Obtained a defense verdict, after an eight-week jury trial, in a \$100 million partnership dispute arising from the acquisition of wellness resort Glen Ivy Hot Springs. *Wickline v. GOCO Hospitality Global Opportunity Ltd.*
- Second-chair trial lawyer for corporate defendants in four related #MeToo actions arising from claims of sexual harassment and gender discrimination in the workplace.
- Represented international client in litigation concerning the consignment and sale of fruit shipped from South America to the Netherlands. *Fresh Results LLC v. ASF Holland, B.V.*
- Obtained a \$32 million judgment for cyber theft by a former officer of a digital internet advertising company. *WebSpectator Corp. v. Parreira*.
- Obtained defense verdict in real estate dispute regarding mixed-use development in downtown Los Angeles. *Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market v. Atlas Capital Group*.
- Represented celebrity plaintiff in contempt trial regarding violation of an injunction enforcing an easement agreement. *Wineberg v. Perelmutter*.
- Served as trial counsel in a legal malpractice arbitration against a national law firm, arising from a dispute over a complex web of family trusts.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- [Litigation and Trials](#)
- [White Collar Crime & Government Investigations](#)
- [Real Property Litigation](#)

News

02.16.2024

Carlton Fields Shareholder Class Featured in Law360: “Carlton Fields Taps 12 for Shareholder Roles Across 7 Offices”

02.15.2023

Ellyn Garofalo and Amir Kaltgrad Appellate Win Published as Daily Journal Top Verdict

01.11.2022

Carlton Fields Continues Strategic Growth in Los Angeles

01.10.2022

Carlton Fields Adds 5 Attys To Growing LA Office

Recognition

- Southern California Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2015–2020)
- Advocate of the Year Team Member, Public Counsel (2008)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- "Class Action Trends and Best Practices for Reducing Costs and Managing Risk," Civil Justice Association of California Legal Reform Symposium, San Diego, CA (June 6, 2024)

Credentials

Education

- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (J.D., 2007)

Court Admissions

- University of California, Los Angeles (B.S., cum laude, 2002)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Bar Admissions

- California