

Andrew M. Morgan

Andrew practices immigration law, complex construction defect litigation, business litigation, and appellate law.

Andrew's immigration practice includes helping people and businesses with all types of affirmative applications to the government for nonimmigrant visas, waivers, adjustment of status, and the naturalization and citizenship process – covering a wide range of categories including family, religious, employment and academic-based applications. He also assists individuals with humanitarian-based visas such as those covered by VAWA and affirmative asylum cases.

Andrew's business litigation practice includes the prosecution and defense of contract, partnership and land-use/property damage disputes. His successful representation of home builders in complex construction defect litigation has shaped California law and defined liability claims available to homeowners. He has also represented plaintiffs in wrongful termination and sexual harassment cases and defended employers at California DFEH hearings and in court against employees' wage and hour claims.

Andrew has significant appellate experience. He has successfully handled multiple appeals from orders made in civil proceedings and from orders made by administrative agencies. He obtained a unanimous California Supreme Court opinion in his client's favor that resolved a split in authority among the Districts of the California Court of Appeal. (*McMillin Albany v. Superior Court* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 241.)

In addition to his other practices, Andrew also has experience negotiating contracts with both private and governmental entities and some agriculture land transactions. He also advises California politicians and government contractors on conflict of interest issues under the California Political Reform Act and Government Code Section 1090.

Andrew is a partner in Borton Petrini's Bakersfield office. He attended the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. Andrew strives to be proactive and creative in addressing his clients' problems in a way that is both cost effective through efficiency and successfully accomplishes the clients' goals.



Education:

Brigham Young University, B.A., 2006
University of Utah S.J., Quinney College of Law, J.D., 2009

Admitted:

State Bar of California, 2009
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Business and Professional Associations:

California State Bar Association
Kern County Bar Association

Publications:

"New changes to 30 .F.R. 100.3(c); Weaknesses and Suggested Improvements in the Assessment of a Mine Operator's History of Violations" – *Journal of Land, Resources & Environmental Law*, 2008

Published Appellate Opinions:

McMillin Albany et al. v. Superior Court (2018) 4 Cal.5th 241



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