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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Daniel L. Rottinghaus, JD '87, LL.M '93 is a litigator with the Firm with expertise in construction, real estate, insurance, and tort litigation. He started with the Firm in 1994 and has been an equity partner of the Firm and one of its principals since 1995. His practice focuses on litigating complex cases, including multi-party, construction-defect, mass tort, and class litigation. Though his specialty is the litigation of construction defect claims, he regularly handles disputed complex trials involving insurance contracts and the interpretation of statutes, policies of insurance, partnership agreements, and contracts. Virtually every case he handles involves disputed provisions of insurance coverage and the scope of such coverage as the same bears directly on resolution of the issues in dispute. His ability to reduce complicated factual situations into manageable legal positions makes him very adept at resolving, construction-defect claims that involve a significant number of parties, a multitude of records, and understanding the cross-over between association, contract, tort, real estate and insurance law.

He practices in both the state and Federal courts. He has litigated cases primarily in California, but he has also been counsel for clients in cases litigated in the District of Columbia, Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, and Hawaii. Rottinghaus' scholarship and practice in complex litigation is informed by the experience he gained litigating claims under international law while an attorney serving in the U.S. Department of State and representing the United States in litigation before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. As an attorney adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State he defended the interests of the United States in Case No. B/1 (Iran's Foreign Military Sales Claims) and other claims asserted by the Government of Iran arising out of the resolution of America's hostages. Prior to that time, Rottinghaus was a Captain and attorney in the U.S. Army serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for the 1st Infantry Division and the 2nd Infantry Division where he defended U.S. soldiers in criminal actions in the United States and overseas. In 2004, he litigated to settlement before the U.S. Department of Justice's September 11 Compensation Fund two claims for victims killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Partner, Berding & Weil LLP, 1995 to present

Special Task Force legal advisor with U.S. State Department (Washington D.C.), 1991-1994 (Lead attorney for U.S. Army cases involving multi-billion dollar Iranian claims arising from security assistance provided to Iran under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program of the United States) (Earned Department of State *Superior Honor Award* in recognition of efforts defending the interest of the United States of America)

Captain, United States Army, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps. (Washington D.C., Japan, Korea, Kansas and Georgia), 1987 - 1994.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

*Masters in Law* (LL.M) from Georgetown University School of Law, 1993.

*Juris Doctor* from Santa Clara University School of Law, 1987.

*Bachelor of Science* in Engineering System Science, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 1984.

*Bachelor of Arts* in Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 1984.

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California, 1987

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 1987.

United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1988.

United States Army Court of Military Review, 1988.

United States Supreme Court, 1991.

District of Columbia Bar, 1993.

United States Tax Court, 1993.

United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review, 1994.

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1996.

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 2007.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2007.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

American Trial Lawyers Association

Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA)

Consumer Attorneys of California

District of Columbia Bar

Executive Council of Homeowners (ECHO)

State Bar of California

He formerly served as a Board Member for the Consumer Attorneys of California (formerly the California Trial Lawyers Association).

He was counsel with Trial Lawyers Care, Inc. representing victims *pro bono* in the World Trade Center 9-11 catastrophe.

Named Northern California SuperLawyer numerous times (latest 2016).

Nominated to The Multi-Million Dollar Advocate Forum for The Top Trial Lawyers in America.