



Norman L. Smith

Partner

Expertise

- Business & Corporate Law
- Business Litigation
- International Law

Education

- University of South Africa with honors, 1976

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PROFILE

The long-standing personal and professional relationships I have forged with my clients and their principals are a major source of professional gratification. Many of these relationships have endured for more than 30 years.

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of national and multi-national manufacturers and distributors in relation to a broad spectrum of transactions and disputes.
- Transactional and litigation representation of franchisor and franchisee associations in numerous jurisdictions and involving substantial issues and disputes.
- General representation of public and privately held national and multi-national entities in relation to mergers, acquisitions and recapitalizations.
- Representation of public and private companies in the formation of major strategic relationships.
- Extensive experience in litigation and arbitration of disputes in domestic, foreign, and multi-jurisdictional proceedings relating to a broad range of commercial matters.
- Representation of companies and investors in complicated venture capital transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® Rated
- San Diego Magazine's Top Lawyers in San Diego® – Corporate Law, Multi-Year Recipient

- AV Top Rated Lawyer®- Corporate Law, 2016-2025
- San Diego Super Lawyers® – Business Litigation & International Law, 2013-2020
- Fellow of the Wexner Heritage Foundation
- Member of the California State Bar Association
- Member of the San Diego County Bar Association
- Admitted as an attorney of the Supreme Court of South Africa, 1976

COMMUNITY

- Founding Chairman, Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, San Diego Chapter
- Board member of numerous charitable and other community organizations