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Owen Praskievicz is a trial and appellate attorney in the firm's litigation practice group. Owen broadly represents clients in commercial disputes involving their investments, trade practices, and intellectual property, while guiding clients through the challenges of litigation and appeals in California's state and federal courts. Owen received his undergraduate degree in journalism and economics from the University of Maryland and his law degree from the University of San Diego, where he was a member of the Editorial Board of the San Diego Law Review and an associate member of the Appellate Moot Court Board. During law school, Owen externed for the Hon. Mitchell D. Dembin of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Actions & Unfair Competition
- Intellectual Property & Trademark
- Real Estate

Education

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2013, Concentration in Business & Corporate Law, San Diego Law Review Editorial Board, Appellate Moot Court
- B.A., University of Maryland, College Park, 2007, Journalism and Economics

Noteworthy Experience

- Reversed a U.S. District Court order compelling international arbitration on appeal in *Casa del Caffè Vergnano v. ItalFlavors, LLC*, 816 F.3d 1208 (9th Cir. 2016)
- Won a bench trial against the former owner of an historic mixed-use property in San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter for failing to disclose permitting defects, resulting in a judgment of more than \$500,000 that included a full recovery of attorneys' fees and costs
- Upheld a charitable organization's trademark registration in *Am. Can! Cars for Kids v. Charitable Adult Rides & Servs.*, 2022 TTAB LEXIS 374, *1 (Trademark Trial & App. Bd. September 29, 2022)
- Won a jury trial against a local jeweler who defrauded a retired couple out of their investment in rare metal coins, and upheld an alter ego ruling against the jeweler on appeal
- Defeated a summary judgment motion brought by the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in action challenging IRS penalty enforcement, resulting in favorable settlement for client
- Successfully defended and resolved countless class action demands under California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act (CLRA), False Advertising Law (FAL), Unfair Competition Law (UCL), and Proposition 65
- Won an arbitration invalidating a will written under duress

Achievement and Affiliations

- *San Diego Business Journal's* Leader of Influence in Law, 2024
- Admitted in the Southern and Central Districts of California, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the Ninth Circuit
- Member, California State Bar
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association