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PRACTICE AREAS:

Public Entity Defense Police Liability Defense Civil Rights Premises Liability Labor and Employment

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (B.A. 2009) Chapman University School of Law, Orange (J.D., Cum Laude, 2012)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State Bar of California, 2012 Supreme Court for the State of California, 2012 U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit, 2012 U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2012

REPORTED CASES:

Hussain v. County of Orange, 2024 WL 3218648, (C.D. Cal. 2024) Luna v. Orange County Sheriff's Department, 2024 WL 3218649 (C.D. Cal. 2024) Reeves v. City of Palm Springs, et al., 2023 WL 2247047 (C.D. Cal. 2023) Peck v. County of Orange, et al., 51 F.4th 877 (9th Cir. 2022) Black v. City of Blythe, et al., 562 F.Supp.3d 820 (C.D. Cal. 2022) Lucero v. County of Orange, 536 F.Supp.3d 628 (C.D. Cal. 2021) Hermosillo v. County of Orange, 562 F.Supp.3d 802 (C.D. Cal. 2021) Herd v. County of San Bernardino, 311 F.Supp.3d 1157 (C.D. Cal. 2018) Fisher v. County of Orange, 2018 WL 1036847 (C.D. Cal. 2018) Wilkey v. County of Orange, 295 F.Supp.3d 1086 (C.D. Cal. 2017)

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Jesse Cox first started at the firm as a Summer Associate in 2011. After graduating from Chapman University School of Law in May 2012, where he was a Moot Court Honor Board member and Notes & Comments Editor of the *Chapman Law Review*, Mr. Cox joined the firm as a Litigation Associate. Prior to beginning his career with the firm, Mr. Cox was a judicial extern for Justice Raymond J. Ikola of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three.



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Mr. Cox's practice encompasses all areas of civil and complex civil litigation relating to the defense of California public entities, including general negligence, wrongful death, premises and personal injury liability, civil rights, police liability, workplace investigations, labor and employment, and appellate litigation. Mr. Cox has experience in all phases of civil litigation, including responding to complaints, preparing and responding to written discovery, drafting and arguing discovery and dispositive motions in court, settlement negotiations, taking and defending depositions, trial preparation, arguing motions and examining witnesses in trial, researching and preparing post-trial motions and appellate briefing, and appellate oral argument. By way of illustration, Mr. Cox has had exceptional success disposing of cases by way of pre-trial motions for summary judgment in both state and federal court. Mr. Cox has managed several complex premises liability wrongful death matters, all of which involve multiple parties, voluminous discovery, and unique issues related to public entity immunities. Mr. Cox has also managed several high-profile civil rights matters involving law enforcement, including in-custody deaths and the application of force in the field. Mr. Cox was part of the trial team that defensed a twenty million dollar wrongful death claim stemming for a fatal officer-involved traffic collision, and was second chair at trial in the successful defense of two multi-million dollar "excessive force" / civil rights cases against his law enforcement clients.

When not working, Mr. Cox enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, exploring local and regional breweries, and following University of Michigan athletics.