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PRACTICES

Litigation & Investigations
Waste & Hazardous Substances

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings
College of the Law
University of California, Santa
Barbara

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

California State Bar
U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Central
District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of California

JUSTIN R. PANITCHPAKDI
ASSOCIATE



Professional Background

Justin Panitchpakdi helps clients navigate difficult environmental and insurance coverage matters and has represented them in federal and state courts, in mediation, and administrative enforcement actions to help resolve their issues.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman LLP, Justin represented clients in environmental contamination matters at Hunsucker Goodstein PC. During law school, he spent a year working in the consumer protection division of the Federal Trade Commission investigating the environmental impact of consumer products on waste water systems across the nation.

Before practicing law, Justin served the public as an ocean lifeguard for the California State Parks in Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara counties.

Representative Experience

- Representing a fireworks display company in multi-party groundwater contamination case filed by a municipality.
- Representing an owner of contaminated property facing administrative enforcement action by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control.
- Defending an owner of a contaminated dry cleaning facility in a suit brought by an adjacent property owner.
- Representing a Native American Tribe in a suit over property damage caused by emissions from a local biomass powerplant.
- Representing a small business owner in breach of contract and bad faith litigation as a second chair at trial and obtained a favorable settlement for client.
- Representing insurance policyholder in breach of contract and bad faith litigation and obtained a favorable settlement for client through mediation.

Awards and Honors

"Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers*

Insurance Law, 2024 - 2025

Alerts

- Antitrust Enforcement Agencies Continue Focus on Corporate Use of Third-Party Communication Apps , 01/30/2024
- Report Highlights Need for More Robust Corporate Record-Retention Strategy, 12/12/2023
- DOJ Announces New Policy on Voluntary Self-Disclosures in M&A Transactions, 10/06/2023
- Mitigating the Rising Risk from Corporate Use of Third-Party Apps, 11/14/2022