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Louis "Dutch" Schotemeyer is a partner in the Newport Beach office of Newmeyer Dillion. Dutch's practice concentrates on providing legal advice to companies operating without dedicated in-house legal counsel, as well as within the Real Estate, Construction, and Labor & Employment practices.

Dutch is a seasoned litigator who in addition to the above practices, works on all types of general liability and complex commercial disputes. He leverages his litigation experience to provide clients with front-end legal advice in a myriad of potentially litigious situations, including contract drafting, contract negotiation, employment issues, insurance policy placement, daily operations, and advice to C-Level executives. His experience as a corporate attorney, providing risk management and related advice to a variety of clients including developers, contractors, landlords and other real estate professionals is invaluable to those clients unable to maintain their own in-house legal staff.

Prior to rejoining Newmeyer Dillion, Dutch was Vice President and Associate General Counsel for William Lyon Homes, Inc. and Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Taylor Morrison. These positions have prepared him to provide advice to companies and serve as a relationship attorney that assists clients in managing legal needs by introducing them to the right legal specialists for a particular issue. As part of this service, Dutch spends a great deal of his practice advising companies on risk management and litigation avoidance strategies.

Services

- Real Estate Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Labor & Employment

Awards & Recognition

- 2019 Orange County Business Journal – General Counsel Rising Star
- 2019 William Lyon Homes, Inc. – Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, Corporate Division
- Various military decorations, including Meritorious Service Medal x 5, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal x 3, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Drill Instructor Ribbon
- Named One of Orange County's 500 Most Influential by Orange County Business Journal

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- November 10th Association

Admissions

- California, 2014
- Arizona, 2018
- Washington, 2004
- United States Supreme Court, 2013
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Education

- University of Washington School of Law (*J.D., 2004*)
- Washington State University (*B.A., 1995*)
- Air University (*M.A., 2011*)

Publications

June 8, 2021

Cal/OSHA revised the Emergency Temporary Standards for COVID-19 Prevention (“ETS”) on June 3, 2021

May 27, 2021

Santa Clara County Order Requires Employers to Track COVID-19 Vaccination Status of Personnel (Compliance Required by June 1, 2021)

September 22, 2020

COVID-19 Notice and Reporting Requirements Expand for California Employers

April 21, 2017

It's Time to Start Planning for Implementation of OSHA's Silica Rule

April 12, 2017

President Trump Nullifies "Volks Rule" Regarding Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Recordkeeping Requirements

Military Experience

Prior to joining Newmeyer Dillion, Dutch served in the Marine Corps in a variety of legal and non-legal roles during his 24 year career, culminating as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

As a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps he served at the Pentagon as the Director of the Trial Counsel Assistance Program, Head of the Marine Corps Victim and Witness Assistance Program, and the Co-Chair of the Legal Doctrine Working Group. While assigned in the fleet Marine Corps, he served as a Senior Defense Counsel, Senior Prosecutor, Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, and the Base Magistrate for Marine Corps Bases Hawaii. In total, Dutch prosecuted or defended more than 600 civilians and military service members, including those charged with premeditated murder, sexual assault, aggravated assault, drug distribution, and larceny. Dutch deployed with the Third Marine Regiment to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2009) and as a Defense Attorney to Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2006).

Additionally, Dutch has been previously accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans in the claims process.

Beyond the Office

- Active Volunteer for a Local Youth Soccer Club
- Guest lecturer at University of Southern California Gould School of Law
- Mentor to transitioning Marine Judge Advocates