



Paul L. Tetzloff

Firm Managing Partner

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Paul L. Tetzloff currently serves as the firm's managing partner, and the managing partner of the Newport Beach Office. He is an experienced trial lawyer with a diverse practice representing national and international corporations and individuals in a wide variety of matters involving high stakes litigation, risk management, contracts, investigations and government relations. Paul's clients operate across a wide variety of economic sectors, including real estate, hospitality, commercial construction, insurance, health care, technology, financial services and homebuilding.

Paul has litigated and tried complex disputes involving a broad range of tort and contract claims, including matters related to breach of contract, statutory and regulatory violations, harassment, wage and hour violations, employee misclassification, wrongful termination, fiduciary duties, misappropriation of trade secrets, misrepresentation, unfair business practices, false claims, construction delay, extra work, mechanic's liens, construction defects, insurance coverage, and fraud.

Paul regularly advises his clients on risk management, insurance and human resources strategies to prevent litigation, ensure coverage and foster compliance with state and federal laws. Paul frequently conducts investigations regarding a wide variety of corporate and employment issues, and assists clients in navigating enforcement proceedings conducted by outside agencies, including the EEOC, NLRB, DLSE, and OSHA.

Paul joined Newmeyer Dillion in 2011 and became a partner in 2015. Prior to joining Newmeyer Dillion, Paul was a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps. In his nine years as a Marine, he served as the Senior Prosecutor and Senior Defense Attorney at multiple locations, and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii. He prosecuted or defended more than 300 Marines and civilians, including those charged with premeditated murder, sexual assault, aggravated assault, drug distribution, and larceny.

While a Marine, Paul completed two deployments with infantry battalions as an operational advisor in combat, advising on targeting, rules of engagement and detainee operations. He deployed with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines

to Ramadi, Al Anbar Province, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he deployed with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines to Nawa, Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Prior to joining the Marine Corps, Paul earned his law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law, and an undergraduate degree in business administration from Augsburg College, where he was a four year letter winner at quarterback and two-time captain of the Augsburg varsity football team.

Services

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyers list, 2017-2018
- Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Star list, 2014

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- November 10th Association

Admissions

- California, 2011
- Minnesota, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Education

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law (*J.D.*, 2004)
- Augsburg College (*B.A.*, 2000)

Successes

Breach of Commission Suit

Recovered a commission finder's fee for a client that produced a ready, willing and able buyer for a large residential/commercial project.

Setting Precedent for National Homebuilder

After successfully resolving a multi-project construction defect matter for a national residential developer, Newmeyer Dillion took multiple subcontractors to trial to recover defense fees and costs owed to our client as part of the underlying case, setting precedent for our client's unquestionable right to recovery in the future.