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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

- Business Litigation
- Business Transactions
- Labor & Employment
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate Partition Law

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Awards & Recognition

- 2020 Orange County Business Journal – OC 500
- 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
- Colorado, 2021
- 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)

Matters

Successful Litigation Against Bank on Behalf of Local Business Regarding an ACH Fraud Case

Obtained a high-six figure reimbursement for a local entity defrauded through a complex criminal scheme by relentlessly pursing the bank through which the scheme was effectuated. Even with the thiev

Successful Defense of Local Pizza Parlor in Eviction Proceeding

Obtained complete dismissal of unlawful detainer actions against local pizza business through aggressive fact-investigation and negotiation. Despite the fast-paced landscape of eviction proceedings,

Successful Defense of Home Builder in Construction Defect Claim

Obtained complete dismissal of all claims against a builder, via forceful and effective pre-trial negotiation. Based on superior knowledge of nuanced case law, Newmeyer Dillion persuaded the Plainti

Newmeyer Dillion Successfully Enforces Land Owner's Easement Rights

Employing a cost effective strategy that resulted in the client recovering an amount sufficient to pay all attorney's fees in addition to the previously denied easement use, Newmeyer and Dillion was

Newmeyer Dillion Protects Families' Multi-Million Dollar View

Protected the view of multiple homeowners from an aggressive neighbor whose remodel would have completely blocked the families' multiple ocean views. The case involved extensive litigation and the

Newmeyer Dillion Defeats National Bank In Claims Regarding Title Claim

Successfully defended a home seller from a national bank trying to invalidate the sale of a multi-million dollar property. An aggressive pre-merits legal strategy defeated the plaintiff's claims a

Successful defense of home builder from allegations of claims for Violations of the Fair Housing Act and the Unruh Civil Rights Act

Obtained complete dismissal of all claims against a builder by plaintiffs alleging Violations of the Fair Housing Act (Federal and State) and the Unruh Civil Rights Act for Builder as well as claims f

Successful defense of Interference with Economic Advantage and Violations of California Business & Professions Code

Achieved complete defense for international client facing a $20,000,000 claim regarding unfair business practices and business interference claims. Through an aggressive litigation strategy, plainti

Newmeyer Dillion Defends Brewery in Labor & Employment Suit Between Former Employee

Successfully defended a large regional brewery in a contentious discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination lawsuit brought by former employee. We focused our strategy on prevailing at tria

Publications

Published Article

PAGA Reform Offers Hope To Employers, Requires Proactive Compliance And Monitoring

Newsletter

Last Week In California Employment Law In 60 Seconds

Published Article

As of July 1, 2024, California Will Require Most Employers to Have a Written Workplace Violence Prevention Program (WVPP) and Training. Is Your Company Compliant?

Published Article

Wildfire Risk Scores and Insurance Placement: What You Should Know

Published Article

California Rejects Judgments By Confession Pursuant to Civil Code Section 1132

Published Article

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

Published Article

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

Published Article

COVID-19 Notice and Reporting Requirements Expand for California Employers

Published Article

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

Published Article

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

News

Nov 30, 2021 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Partner Louis “Dutch” Schotemeyer Named One of Orange County’s 500 Most Influential by Orange County Business Journal

Dec 21, 2020 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Partner Louis “Dutch” Schotemeyer Named One of Orange County’s 500 Most

Influential by Orange County Business Journal

Sep 10, 2020 - Firm News

Louis "Dutch" Schotemeyer Returns to Newmeyer Dillion as Partner in Newport Beach Office

Nov 25, 2019 - Media Coverage

Military Background for William Lyon's Rising Star

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