

# Donald S. Gottesman

## Founding Partner



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### Education

University of California, Hastings College of Law, J.D., 1978  
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University of California at Berkeley, B.A., 1975  
University of Edinburgh, Scotland

### Bar Admissions

- California

### Practice Areas

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Non-Competition Agreements
- Partnership and Employment
- Disputes
- Unfair Business Practices

Specializing in complex commercial disputes, Mr. Gottesman is a cofounder of the firm and an experienced trial attorney. Mr. Gottesman has tried and won cases in diverse legal fields, including real estate, construction, tax, partnership, antitrust, brokerage, employment, and insurance. He has been lead trial counsel in both civil and criminal cases and has won several multi-million dollar verdicts for his clients. In 1996, after obtaining a \$5 million jury verdict for his client in a real estate brokerage dispute, Mr. Gottesman was profiled by the Los Angeles Daily Journal in an article entitled "Shakespeare Buff Repels Oppressor's Wrongs." Mr. Gottesman was honored as one of the "Top 25 Lawyers of the Valley" by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal, 2007. Mr. Gottesman is admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California and the United States District Court, Central District of California, but has also tried cases in other jurisdictions, including Texas and Indiana.

### PUBLISHED OPINIONS:

David H. Tedder & Assocs. v. United States, 77 F.3d 1166 (9th Cir. 1996), a tax dispute.  
Real Estate Analytics, LLC v. Vallas, 160 Cal.App.4th 463 (2008), a real estate dispute.  
Aguilera v. Heiman, 174 Cal.App.4th 590 (2009), a worker's compensation dispute.

### AWARDS

Southern California Super Lawyer, Los Angeles Magazine (2007-2013). "Top 25 Lawyers of the Valley" Honoree, San Fernando Valley Business Journal (2007).  
Martindale Hubbell "AV" rating.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Los Angeles Bar Association, and American Bar Association (Litigation and Real Estate Sections) issues. Other recent presentations have included USC Law School and Southwestern Law School.