



## Robin Meadow

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Few appellate specialists have ever examined a witness, much less litigated multiple trials and arbitrations. Robin Meadow did all of these things for over 20 years at a major commercial firm, while also handling all of the firm's appellate work. He joined GMSR when he decided to limit his practice to civil appeals.

Robin's trial court experience gives him a unique perspective on appellate work. He understands the demands and pressures trial lawyers face and the countless ways things can go wrong at trial. He's very much at home consulting with trial lawyers during trial and in the post-trial phase, helping them protect their appellate record so they're well positioned to preserve a victory or challenge a defeat.

Robin's practice at GMSR continues the substantive focus he developed in his earlier years—business disputes, real estate, partnerships, probate and entertainment. But, like most appellate lawyers, he's a generalist. At GMSR, he has also handled significant appeals involving healthcare, family law, personal injury and bankruptcy.

When he isn't practicing law, Robin enjoys spending time with his family, reading about history, and playing bass guitar.

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## Education

J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law (1971). Order of the Coif, California Law Review (Associate Editor).

A.B., University of California at Berkeley (1968). Phi Beta Kappa.

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## Honors

A California Lawyer of the Year, *California Lawyer Magazine* (2016)

Los Angeles County Bar Association Pamela E. Dunn Appellate Justice Award (2014)

*Best Lawyers'* Los Angeles Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year" (2013, 2018, 2024)

Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2004 – Present)

Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers (2006, 2012 – 2016)

Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Appellate Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Trusts and Estates) (2006 – Present)

Named in Chambers and Partners USA as a Band 1 Appellate Litigator

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## Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts: Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California

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## **Speaking and Involvement**

**MSJs: Strategic and Practical Considerations, Association of Business Trial Lawyers, 49th Annual Seminar**  
2023

**Appellate Oral Argument: Creating the Presentation, Weighing the Precedential Impact, Preparing for Rebuttal**  
2021

**Panelist, "Winning Remotely -- Trial and Appellate Arguments," Association for Business Trial Lawyers webinar**  
2020

**What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education**  
2020

**The Argument Clinic, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section**  
2019

**What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education**  
2019

**What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education**  
2018

**What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education**  
2017

**What's New in Appellate Law and Technology and Brief Writing and Oral Argument Strategies, Pincus Professional Education**  
2016

**Wills, Evidence and Henry VIII: A Discussion of Estate of Duke, Beverly Hills Bar Association**  
2016

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**Oral Argument: Mastering Techniques of Persuasion Clear Law Institute**  
2016

**Preserving the Record on Appeal, Aviva K. Bobb Advanced Probate Volunteer Panel Attorney Training Symposium**  
2013

**Protecting Your Client After Judgment: Enforcement, Appeal Bonds, and Other Options, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section**  
2013

**What Trial Lawyers Need To Know About Appeals, Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California chapter**  
2012

**Everything Trial Lawyers Need to Know About Appeals, Association of Business Trial Lawyers**

2012

**The Appellate Process in California: An Interactive Workshop, Bridgeport Continuing Education**  
2011

**The Appellate Process in California: An Interactive Workshop, Bridgeport Continuing Education**  
2010

**The Complete Appeal Conference: Strategies from Start to Finish, Pincus Professional Education**  
2009

**Internet Resources: Beyond Lexis and Westlaw**  
2009

**Computer Forensics, UC Riverside series on Science for Lawyers**  
2009

**What Trial Lawyers Don't Know Can Hurt Them, Los Angeles Paralegal Association**  
2008

**Winning Business Litigation Appeals in the California Courts, Orange County Bar Association**  
2008

**The E-Future: How to Make E-Filing and E-Briefs Work for You, 2008 Appellate Justice Institute**  
2008

**The Impact of Technology on Appellate Standards of Review, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers**  
2008

**Oral Argument for the Court's Summer Externs, Second District Court of Appeal (program with Justices Arthur Gilbert and Steven Z. Perren)**  
2008

**Practical Aspects of Appellate Practice, Second District Court of Appeal**  
2008

**The Complete Appeal: Strategies from Start to Finish, Pincus Professional Education**  
2008

**Appellate Law for Mediators, Second District Court of Appeal, Mediation Training Program**  
2007

**Technology for Everyday Appellate Practice, State Bar of California 2006 Annual Meeting**  
2006

**Winning Strategies Using Legislative Intent, State Bar of California 2006 Annual Meeting**  
2006

**The California Supreme Court – A Justice's Perspective (moderator), Association of Business Trial Lawyers**  
2006

**Making The Best Trial Record for Appeal in a Complex Business Case, Association of Business Trial Lawyers**  
2005

**Business Litigation in the Court of Appeal, Association of Business Trial Lawyers**  
2004

**Summer Extern Program - Oral Argument, California Court of Appeal (2004-2011)**

2004

**Selected Insights on California Supreme Court Practice, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee**

2003

**Electronic Appellate Practice: Show and Tell, Riverside County Bar Association, Appellate Law Section (panelist)**

2003

**Common Errors on Appeal, California Center for Judicial Education and Research**

2003

**Electronic Appellate Practice: Show and Tell, Orange County Bar Association, College of Appellate Advocacy**

2002

**The Explosion of Litigation Arising from Employee Theft of Trade Secrets, Institute for Corporate Counsel**

2002

**Legal Research on the Internet, Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute**

2001

**California Appellate Practice – A Primer for Trial Lawyers, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles**

2001

**Bad Faith, Buss and the Duty to Defend, Title Insurance Subsection of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Real Property Section**

2000

**Thinking Ahead During Trial: How to Protect and Use the Record on Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Section/Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association**

2000

**Law and Motion, Los Angeles County Bar Association (May 1999 and May 2000)**

1999

**California Appellate Practice – A Primer for Trial Lawyers, North Santa Barbara County Bar Association**

1999

**How To Be an Effective Appellate Court Mediator, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee and Dispute Resolution Services**

1999

**California Appellate Practice, Association of Business Trial Lawyers**

1999

**The Virtual Brief, Center for Judicial Education and Research**

1999

**Electronic Appellate Advocacy, Orange County Bar Association, Appellate Law Section**

1999

**Written Advocacy/Law & Motion, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 16th Annual Las Vegas Convention**

1998

**Appellate Law for Trial Lawyers and for Those Who Supervise Them, Chicago Title Insurance Company**  
1997

**Hot Issues from Trial to Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Section**  
1997

**Appellate Settlement Conferences – Different Strokes for Different Folks, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee**  
1997

**Appellate Settlement Conferences – Techniques for Settlement Officers, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee**  
1996

**Creating a Winning Record on Appeal: What Trial Lawyers Need To Know, San Fernando Valley Bar Association (March 1995) and law firm presentation**  
1995

**What's New in Tort and Trial: 1994 in Review, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles**  
1995

**Ponzi Schemes and Trust Deed Fraud, Title Insurance Subsection of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Real Property Section**  
1993

**Steering Through the Minefield: How to Protect the Record on Appeal, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Convention**  
1993

**Protecting the Record on Appeal, California Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention**  
1990

**Condominium Homeowners Associations, Continuing Education of the Bar (1985-1986)**  
1985

**Condominium Homeowners Associations, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Benjamin S. Crocker Symposium**  
1993

## **Professional Associations**

**California Academy of Appellate Lawyers (President, 2006 - 2007)**

**American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Fellow**

**Los Angeles County Bar Association, President (2003 - 2004); Appellate Courts Committee (1978 - Present) Chair (2001 - 2003); Arbitration Executive Committee (1978 - 1983) Chair (1980 - 1983); Judicial Evaluation Committee (1979 - 1981 and 1983 - 1985) Chair (1983 - 1985); Juvenile Justice Committee Co-Chair (1988 - 1989); Association Representative to the Children's Court Design Committee (1988 - 1992); Appellate Elections Evaluation Committee (1989 - 2001) Vice-Chair (1992 - 1994); Professional Liability Insurance Committee (1989 - 1993); Audit & Finance Committee (1995 - 2000) Chair (1997 - 2000); Ad Hoc President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession (2013)**

**Los Angeles County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, funds law-related public interest programs (1989 - 1990)**

**American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Appellate Advocacy Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section**

**Public Counsel (pro bono legal services), Board of Directors (1988 - 1996); President (1994 - 1995)**

**California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Steering Committee and Mediator, Mediation Program**

**Chancery Club of Los Angeles**

**Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow**

**Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Editorial Board**

**California Lawyers Association (CLA), Litigation Section**

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## High Impact Wins

**Tufeld Corporation v. Beverly Hills Gateway, L.P. (2022) 86 Cal.App.5th 12**

Dec 07, 2022

**Friend of Camden, Inc. et al. v. Brandt (2022) 81 Cal.App.5th 1054**

Aug 02, 2022

**Meridian Financial Services, Inc. v. Phan (2021) 67 Cal.App.5th 657**

Aug 10, 2021

**In re Castlepoint National Ins. Co. (2021) 65 Cal.App.5th 668**

Jun 15, 2021

**Southern California School of Theology v. Claremont Graduate University (2021) 60 Cal.App.5th 1**

Jan 22, 2021

**Himelsein Mandel Fund Management, LLC v. Fortress Investment Group, LLC (Mar. 28, 2019, B281210) 2019 WL 1395963**

Mar 28, 2019

**Estate of Duke (2015) 61 Cal.4th 871**

Jul 27, 2015

**Sheridan v. Touchstone Television Productions, LLC (2015) 241 Cal.App.4th 508**

Oct 20, 2015

**Novak v. Fay (2015) 236 Cal.App.4th 329**

Apr 28, 2015

**Wilson v. Southern Cal. Edison Co. (2015) 234 Cal.App.4th 123**

Feb 09, 2015

**Celador Internat., Inc. v. American Broadcasting Cos., Inc. (9th Cir. 2012) 499 Fed.Appx. 721**

Dec 03, 2012

**Ginsberg v. Gamson (2012) 205 Cal.App.4th 873**

Apr 30, 2012

**Greenspan v. LADT, LLC (2010) 191 Cal.App.4th 486**

Dec 30, 2010

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## **Publications**

**GMSR's Robin Meadow authors article on successful navigation of judicial references**

Jan 12, 2021

**Remote Video Argument: Suggestions For Arguing Counsel, co-authored by GMSR's Robin Meadow for the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers**

Sep 15, 2020

**GMSR's Robin Meadow co-authors articles explaining the ins and outs of statements of decision**

Mar 01, 2020

**The ABTL Report, Co-Edited By GMSR Partner Robin Meadow, Presents A Comprehensive Analysis Of Civility.**

Aug 23, 2019

**Protecting the Record for Appeal (2011) Los Angeles Lawyer's Survival Guide for New Attorneys, pp. 57-58.**

Sep 15, 2011

**Appendixes, Exhibits, and E-Briefs in the Court of Appeal (Sept. 2008) Los Angeles Lawyer, pp. 19-23.**

Sep 01, 2008

**A Few of My Favorite Things: Technology Tips for Lawyers Who Write (Mar. 2008) Orange County Lawyer, pp. 30-32.**

Mar 01, 2008

**A New Pro Bono Frontier: California's Court of Appeal**

Dec 27, 2007

**Motion Practice: Admissible Evidence**

Nov 01, 2007

**The Looming Crisis in California's Courts: Apathy Over the Budget Crisis Imperils a Cornerstone of Our Democratic System**

Jul 01, 2003

**Appellate Law – Bearing the Burden of Increasing Caseloads**

Mar 01, 2002

**A Smile on His Face and in His Heart**

Oct 01, 2001

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**Lawyers, Mediators Should Applaud the "Foxgate" Ruling**

Jul 25, 2001

**Proximate Cause: A Question of Fact or Policy**

Feb 01, 2000

**Objections: The Moment of Truth**

Jun 01, 1999

**Clear and Convincing Evidence: How Much Is Enough?**

May 01, 1999

**Title Defense**

May 01, 1998

**Oral Argument et al.: An Interview With Justice Norman Epstein**

Feb 01, 1997

**Demystifying the Appellate Process**

Oct 01, 1996

**An Appealing Settlement Program, ABTL Report**

May 01, 1996

**Is It Too Late to Settle? Problems with Settlement After Adjudication, (Feb. 1996) Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report, pp. 7-10.**

Feb 01, 1996

**Heirs Unapparent**

Jun 01, 1994

**Taking Care of the Record on Appeal**

Mar 01, 1993

**Appealability of Trial Court Orders**

May 01, 1992

**Summary Judgment Motions**

May 01, 1991

**Protecting the Record on Appeal**

Aug 01, 1990

**Los Angeles Lawyer: Special Issue on Appellate Practice (Aug. 1990)**

Aug 01, 1990

**The Lawyer's Image is No Joke**

Sep 01, 1986

**Sanctions for Frivolous Appeals**

Sep 01, 1985

**Television Formats – The Search for Protection**

Jan 01, 1970