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Philip Adams is an associate in Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek's Litigation Department. He represents clients primarily in the areas of business litigation, real property development and litigation, probate litigation, and white collar criminal defense.

Practice Groups

- Litigation
- Real Property Development & Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense/Government Investigations
- Estates & Trusts Litigation
- Administrative, Land Use & Environmental Law
- Insurance Law

Education

Mr. Adams earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California in 2010, with a concentration in entrepreneurship. In 2017, he graduated *cum laude* from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he served as the managing articles editor for the *San Diego International Law Journal*.

Employment Background

Prior to joining the firm as an associate, Mr. Adams worked as law clerk with the United States Attorney's Office in San Diego. He also served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo and U.S. Magistrate Judge William V. Gallo.

Representative Matters

- Worked on litigation team that defended a United States Congressman indicted on charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, falsification of records and prohibited use of campaign funds
- Represented a corporation in multi-jurisdictional complex litigation involving a joint venture dispute over "unique" real property
- Represented corporation in a property tax dispute challenging the valuation method utilized by the San Diego County Assessor's Office while appraising a hotel
- Defended business in commercial litigation concerning an alleged breach of contract
- Represented the minor daughter and sole heir to a multi-million-dollar estate in a heavily litigated probate administration involving the decedent's ownership interest in businesses entities operating in the cannabis industry
- Represented a construction company in probate litigation brought to enforce the company's buy-sell agreement
- Defended individual landowner in an eminent domain action brought by the City of San Diego
- Defended a corporation in federal litigation concerning alleged violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act

Professional Affiliations & Admissions

- State Bar of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers