

# Ryan Kroll

Mr. Kroll's practice focuses on representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of litigation matters, including wrongful death, personal injury, insurance, business and contract disputes, Indian gaming, employment discrimination, and claims against local and state governments. Mr. Kroll is also an experienced gaming lawyer, who has assisted many start-up gaming operations ensure their compliance with state and federal gaming laws. Additionally, Mr. Kroll regularly represents clients in land use and administrative matters, and has logged hundreds of hours representing clients in administrative hearings before various state agencies and appearing before planning commissions and city councils.

Mr. Kroll has had significant victories both as a trial attorney and as an appellate attorney, and has five times been voted a "Rising Star" by Oregon SuperLawyers and twice by Southern California SuperLawyers, an honor bestowed on no more than 2.5% of young attorneys. In addition to graduating magna cum laude from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Mr. Kroll also earned a Master of Accounting degree and is a Florida-licensed Certified Public Accountant.

## Honors & Awards

- Recipient of "Rising Star" SuperLawyers award Oregon 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013
- Recipient of "Rising Star" SuperLawyers award California 2012, 2011
- Profiled in Southern California's Top Rated Lawyers 2012 edition
- AVVO™ Rating:



## Current

### Employment Position

- Partner

## Areas Of Practice

- Gaming Law
- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Civil Litigation-Business
- Employment Litigation
- Land Use Planning-Liquor Law
- Administrative/Governmental Relations
- Appellate Law

*Mr. Kroll's recent representations have included the following trial and appellate successes:*

- In a fraud case regarding the ownership of a wine-blending business, Mr. Kroll's representation throughout a three-week trial helped result in a jury verdict finding fraud and entitling his client to punitive damages, which ultimately settled for \$1.8 million. Hamilton Wines, Inc. v. Hamilton (56-2014-00456089-CU-FR-VTA)
- In a breach of contract and fraud case against a subsidiary of a Fortune 500 company, Mr. Kroll's representation throughout a five-week trial helped result in a finding of fraud and a \$1.67 million judgment for his client. Ridgetop Ranch Properties, Inc. v. Jacobsen EZ-GO (Case No. MC 013551)
- In a wrongful termination lawsuit against the Los Angeles County MTA, Mr. Kroll's representation assisted in obtaining a \$3.56 million judgment, including attorneys' fees. Morales v. Los Angeles

County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Case No. BC 339557).

- In Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control v. Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board (Quintanar), 40 Cal. 4th 1, the California Supreme Court agreed with Mr. Kroll's position, holding that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's practice of submitting post-hearing communications to the Department Director was a violation of the Administrative Procedure Act's prohibition on ex parte communications. This victory, along with the favorable published decision that Mr. Kroll helped obtain in Rondon v. Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board, 151 Cal. App 4th 1274 resulted in over 150 SSJ clients ultimately prevailing in the administrative actions filed against them for alleged violations.
- In the field of Indian Gaming law, Mr. Kroll was instrumental in developing and prevailing upon the legal theories that culminated in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals holding that an additional 8,050 Gaming Device Licenses are available under the 1999 Tribal-State Compacts, which allow 61 Indian Tribes in California to operate slot machines. In increasing the number of Licenses available, Gaming Tribes are now able to operate additional slot machines resulting in an estimated increase of more than a billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in gaming revenue to Tribes over the remainder of the Compacts.

## Bar Admissions

- Washington, 2012
- Oregon, 2012
- California, 2005
- U.S. District Court of Oregon
- U.S. District Court Central District of California
- U.S. District Court Southern District of California



- U.S. District Court Eastern District of California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal
- Court of Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

## Licenses

- Florida Certified Public Accountant

## Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida, 2004, J.D.
- Magna Cum Laude
- Honors: Florida Law Review
- Order of the Coif
- University of Florida Fischer School of Accounting, Gainesville, Florida, 2004
- Master of Accounting
- University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 2000, B.S.
- Major: Accounting

## Media

- Former Host and Panelist for Legal Help Live™, which currently broadcasts on television (since 2005) on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. on Channels 16 and 36 in Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

## Classes/Seminars Taught

- Lecturer, Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Gaming Law at Southwestern University – 2011
- Lecturer, Legal Writing and Effective Persuasive Writing at Southwestern University – 2011

## Community Involvement

- Executive Committee Member of Solo & Small Firm Bar Section of Oregon State Bar



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