

# Buchalter

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## Adam J. Bass

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### **Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties**

Corporate Law; Real Estate; Government, Regulatory & Administrative Law; Litigation; White Collar & Investigations; Sports Industry Law; Family Office & Wealth Management; Alternative Lenders; Hospitality Industry Law; Social Media Influencers



Adam Bass is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. Mr. Bass began his career at Buchalter as a junior associate before becoming a Shareholder and eventually joining the firm's Board of Directors. As Buchalter's President and Chief Executive Officer since 2013, Mr. Bass has led the firm to substantial growth, with more than 550 lawyers across 14 offices. Under Mr. Bass's leadership, the firm has expanded into Napa Valley, Sacramento, Seattle, San Diego, Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Nashville, Atlanta, and Chicago. Because of the firm's growth and success, the media regularly seeks Mr. Bass' insight and perspective on the legal industry and law firm management.

Mr. Bass has received a number of prestigious awards, including:

- "LA500" – Most Influential People in Los Angeles, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2017-2024
- "Top 100 Lawyer," *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- "LA Visionaries: CEO," *LA Times B2b Publishing*
- "Leader in the Law Nominee," *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- "Top 40 Under 40," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*
- "2023 State Bar of California DEI Leadership Bronze Seal designee" *Cal LAW Pathways*

Under Mr. Bass' leadership, Buchalter has consistently received numerous recognitions, including:

- Advanced 16 spots on *The American Lawyer's* "AmLaw 200 Survey," as the 131st largest law firm
- Moved up 13 spots on *Law360's* 400 largest law firms in the nation, the "Law360 400 Survey," as the 114th largest law firm
- 100 out of 100 Score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index
- 100 Best Law Firms for minority attorneys and Top Firms with the Most Diverse Equity Partnership, *Law360*
- Excellence in Diversity Award, *California Lawyer Association*
- Mansfield Certification by Diversity Lab

In his law practice, Mr. Bass represents businesses and financial institutions in transactional and litigation matters. Mr. Bass' experience and expertise is wide-ranging and encompasses corporate matters, loan workouts, creditors' rights, real property transactions and litigation, leasing, public contracting, regulatory compliance at the local, state, and federal levels, and government procurement. For his many corporate clients, Mr. Bass serves as a trusted advisor on general business and strategic matters and lends his extensive experience in all aspects of real estate including, purchase and sale agreements, lease negotiations, receiverships, and judicial foreclosure.

Mr. Bass is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Bar Associations, and has served as an arbitrator for the Los Angeles Superior Court and worked with the Dispute Resolution Section. In addition, Mr. Bass served as a member of the committee advising the Los Angeles Superior Court on issues concerning receiverships.

For many years, Mr. Bass has served on the University of San Diego School of Law Board of Visitors.

Since 2021, Mr. Bass has served on the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's CEO Council. He also serves on the North America Regional Council Regional Council of World Services Group, and on a number of private company Boards of Directors.

Mr. Bass has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the California Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the California Mortgage Bankers Association, the American Financial Services Association, the Civil Justice Association of California, the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, and the Residential Board of Governors of the National Mortgage Bankers Association.

## **Publications**

- Q&A: Entering the Lateral Hiring Market, *California Lawyer*, July 27, 2016
- Quoted: California Was No Bear Market in 2017, *The American Lawyer*, May 22, 2018
- Quoted: The Questions You Need To Ask Before Making A Lateral Move, *Law360*, January 7, 2016
- 5 Great-Recession Lessons GCs Must Remember Today, *Law360*, May 1, 2020
- Negotiating Leases During the Pandemic: Legal Insight, *Bloomberg Law*, November 12, 2021

## **Presentations**

- Speaker, "Fund and Deal Sponsors Focused on Investments," IVYFON Family Office Forum, May 3, 2023
- Speaker, "State of the California Market: What to Examine Now and in the Year Ahead," Sandpiper Partner's Annual California Legal Market Conference, February 1, 2022
- Panelist, "Arrested Development: Law Firm Strategic Planning Around Junior Partners," Thomson Reuters Institute Marketing Partner Forum, January 20, 2022
- Panelist, "Strategy, Leadership, Structure, Compensation & Governance and Talent-Retention, Inclusion, Racial Equity," Sandpiper Partner's 13th Annual Legal Market Conference 2021, December 8, 2020
- Panelist, "Reimagining the Future of the Law Firm: How Attorneys and Staff Work," Sandpiper Partner's Virtual Conference, November 11, 2020
- Panelist, "Thirteenth Annual Global Law Firm Leaders Conference," Sandpiper Partner, October 8, 2020
- Panelist, "Lateral Talent & The Modern Law Firm," Los Angeles/Orange County Legal Market 2020, December 5, 2019
- Speaker, "Adam J. Bass, Speaker at Citi Private Bank Law Firm Group's Legal Leaders Dialogue Conference," Citi Private Bank Law Firm Group Legal Leaders Dialogue, October 15, 2019

## **Education**

Mr. Bass received his B.A. in History with a minor in Political Science, from the University of San Diego. In addition, he studied International Relations at the University of San Diego Graduate School and received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law.

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## **Bar Admissions**

- California

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

## Languages

- Spanish