



Oliver Rocos

Partner

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Practices:

Entertainment, Complex Business Litigation, Class Actions

Oliver Rocos is a partner and first-chair trial lawyer at Bird Marella, whose practice focuses on representing high-net-worth individuals and companies in hotly contested disputes across the country. Having spent almost two decades practicing law in London, New York, and California, he brings a wealth of litigation and trial experience to every representation.

Oliver's aggressive and results-oriented approach to litigation means he is retained on disputes concerning a vast range of issues. In the past few years alone, he has litigated cases involving complex commercial contracts, fiduciary duties, securities and regulatory issues, class actions, intellectual property, anti-trust issues/disputes, torts, and wrongful death. In addition to his successes at trial, Oliver frequently delivers early victories through motion practice for defendants and plaintiffs alike.

His clients range from start-ups and small entities through mid-cap and up to Fortune 100 companies, as well as individuals with backgrounds in business, healthcare, and entertainment, including agents, producers, influencers, musicians, and more.

This year alone, Oliver has won a \$10 million jury verdict in San Francisco federal court, a \$10 million jury verdict in Los Angeles state court, and a multimillion-dollar verdict in a New York federal bench trial. He also has represented Tesla in a high-stakes administrative action in Oakland, is defending a management agency in a high-profile dispute relating to OnlyFans, and is litigating a founders dispute over a multibillion-dollar rocket company. Other notable recent successes include the dismissal of multiple actions filed against Jeffrey Bezos and his wife Lauren Sanchez Bezos; the settlement of a securities action against casino magnate Steve Wynn; the generous resolution of a complex arbitration involving the royalties relating to a successful movie franchise; the dismissal of class actions filed against Hyundai; and the prompt termination of an anti-trust lawsuit filed by Pandora.

In addition to his commercial practice, Oliver is involved in numerous pro bono matters. Among other cases, he led a class action lawsuit on behalf of inmates in Lompoc Federal Prison regarding the Bureau of Prisons' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, obtaining a preliminary injunction and, ultimately, a settlement that led to the transfer of hundreds of prisoners to safer home confinement and improved prison conditions. The ACLU SoCal awarded Oliver and his team the 2021 Humanitarian Award in recognition of their advocacy.

Oliver is admitted to practice in California, New York, and England & Wales and regularly litigates in state and federal court and arbitration proceedings.

Education & Admissions

- Boston University School of Law, L.L.M., 2013
 - College of Law, Postgraduate Diploma, 2008
 - Cardiff University, L.L.B., Senior Status, 2007
 - Cardiff University, B.A., 2005
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- California, 2017
- New York, 2013
- England and Wales, 2008

Notable Matters

Assisted a venture capital fund in securing the return of its appreciated investment into a major aerospace company following a breakdown of the relationship between the fund and the investment vehicle used to make the investment.

Lead counsel in a three-week jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court, winning a \$10m jury verdict for his client and defeating a multimillion-dollar counterclaim. The dispute concerned breaches of contract and fiduciary duty relating to a 2020 partnership arrangement.

Lead counsel in a successful bench trial in New York federal court on behalf of a warehouse that had protected the defendants' goods valued at over \$5m, securing over \$1.6m in damages and defeating a \$15m counterclaim.

Co-lead counsel in a week-long jury trial in San Francisco federal court, securing a \$10m jury

verdict for a senior executive against his prior employer for breach of contract and fraud.

Obtained the dismissal of multiple lawsuits filed in Los Angeles Superior Court against Mr. Jeffrey Bezos and Ms. Lauren Sanchez Bezos that sought to infringe upon their First Amendment rights.

Secured a complete and final dismissal of all amended counterclaims against client Word Collections, Inc., a performing rights collection agency that represents songwriters (including Metallica) and comedians (including Billy Crystal, Bill Hicks, and Jerry Seinfeld), in an antitrust action brought by subscription-based audio streaming service Pandora Media, LLC. Bird Marella obtained dismissal of all counterclaims in the case for the second time in April 2023 after securing a complete dismissal in October 2022.

Won approval of a class action settlement in a high-profile pro bono lawsuit against the Director of the Bureau of Prisons and the administrators at Lompoc federal prison regarding their failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Previously obtained preliminary injunction and successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those over the age of 50 for home confinement.

Associations

- President, British American Bar Association
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Executive Committee

Awards & Recognitions

- Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation, 2026
- Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2026
- Top Verdicts and Settlements: *Krystal Ventures LLC v. SNS Global USA, LLC et al.*, *Daily Journal*, 2025
- 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024
- Lawyers on the Fast Track, California Legal Awards, *The Recorder*, 2023
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Entertainment and Sports Law, Best Lawyers®, 2022
- Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021
- Outstanding Pro Bono Award, Iranian American Bar Association, 2018
- Innovation in Legal Work in Latin America, 2016

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, Trial Readiness Panel, Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Litigation Section, April 2024
- Co-Author, "Ninth Circuit Applies Omnicare to Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 Claims," with Joshua Hamilton and James Moon, May 2017