

**John C. Kirke**

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**Practice Areas**

- Class Action Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Legal Cannabis

**Overview**

John C. Kirke joined Donahue Fitzgerald in 2001. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Kirke was an associate in the Securities Litigation Group at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco from 1999 to 2001 and in the Litigation Department at Troop Steuber Pasich Reddick & Tobey in Los Angeles from 1995 to 1999.

Mr. Kirke has extensive experience in representing clients in securities, insurance coverage, real estate and commercial litigation matters. He recently tried a three-week binding arbitration on behalf a public technology company arising from a merger dispute and obtained a verdict awarding his client the entire amount in dispute, and he successfully conducted a one-week trial in a real property lease valuation case. He also defended an issuer in a securities class action, which reached a favorable conclusion shortly before the scheduled trial date, and obtained a dismissal on behalf of another issuer in a securities class action where the issuer had restated its earnings. He has been responsible for obtaining successful results on behalf of clients in mediation and arbitration and on dispositive pretrial motions and appeals in cases involving securities and insurance coverage issues.

Mr. Kirke obtained his law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1994, where he was in the Moot Court honors program and served as the Managing Editor of the Environmental Law Journal. In 1993, he was a full-time extern for the Honorable William J. Rea in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In 1990, Mr. Kirke graduated with honors from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science.

Mr. Kirke is a member of the Alameda and Contra Costa County Bar Associations. He has served as a Judge Pro Tempore for Alameda Superior Court.

### Professional & Community Affiliations

- Member, Alameda County Bar Association
- Member, Contra Costa County Bar Association

### Bar Admissions

- California

### Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

### Education

- **J.D.**, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, 1994
- **B.A.**, University of California, Berkeley, *with honors*, 1990

### Recent Articles/News

- [The Continuing Impact of PhoneDog v. Kravitz on the Ownership of Business-Related Social Media Accounts](#), *The North Bay Business Journal*, 2018 Legal and Accounting Guide
- [Twitter Account Is Trade Secret, Publisher Says, Testing Law](#), *Bloomberg Law*, August 8, 2018
- [Napa Earthquake Losses: Insurance Coverage Matters](#)