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Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Bankruptcy
- Trusts and Estates
- Franchise
- Legal Cannabis

Overview

Eric Handler is a partner at Donahue Fitzgerald, specializing in business, estate/trust/probate, and franchise litigation, intellectual property law, and insolvency matters. He has a wide range of experience handling commercial disputes involving contracts, unlawful detainer actions, allegations of fraud, and representation of creditors in and outside of bankruptcy including judgment collection. Eric's intellectual property practice is diverse and includes his handling of all aspects of [trademark and copyright disputes](#) such as infringement actions and filing and opposing registration applications, internet domain name proceedings under the UDRP and similar policies as well as anticybersquatting claims under federal law, and disagreements concerning trade secret misappropriation and unfair competition.

Eric was the 2017 president of the Alameda County Bar Association and has been a member of its board of directors since 2011. Eric has also been a board member of that organization's Volunteer Legal Services Corporation for which regularly volunteers by leading a bankruptcy clinic for low income Alameda County residents.

Prior to law school, Eric worked extensively in the computer software industry as software developer and management consultant, including for Microsoft Corporation as an escalation support engineer. Eric continues to

utilize his software programming background both as part of his intellectual property practice and in designing, implementing, and maintaining for the firm various databases and related internet-based management tools.

Outside of work, Eric enjoys gardening, backpacking, playing piano, slacklining, and spending time with his family.

Professional & Community Affiliations

- President, Alameda County Bar Association, 2017
- Board Member, Alameda County Bar Association, 2011-2016
- Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer, Volunteer Legal Services Corporation, Alameda County Bar Association

Recognition

- Recipient, Order of the Coif, *University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law*
- Named, Rising Star - Northern California, *Super Lawyers®*, 2009-2010

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- **J.D.**, University of Arizona College of Law, *summa cum laude*, 2001
- **B.A.**, Brown University, 1995

Recent Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Congratulates Our Partner, Eric A. Handler, as ACBA's 2017 President](#)