

**Jonathan McNeil Wong**

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**Practice Areas**

- Employment
- Immigration
- Litigation
- Trusts and Estates

**Overview**

Jonathan McNeil Wong heads the firm’s nationality and [immigration law](#) practice, advising and representing domestic and international companies that are hiring foreign nationals to work in the United States. He recommends immigration strategies to employers and represents them before the Departments of State and Homeland Security. He has handled the immigration process for U.S. companies seeking the services of foreign engineers, scientists, technical specialists, and marketing and operations personnel in diverse business sectors ranging from architecture to zoological science. He is also experienced in the transfer of foreign executives, managers, and other key personnel to American branches of foreign companies. In employment circumstances involving access to trade secrets and other proprietary information, he assists employers in evaluating the foreign worker’s background and structuring a relationship that protects his clients’ interests.

An experienced litigator, Mr. Wong counsels employers and defends them against claims of wrongful termination, discrimination and sexual harassment, and other employment-related issues. He has also represented plaintiffs in employment-related individual and class litigation. He has served as trial counsel in multiple trials, has represented clients in numerous mediations and arbitrations, and has successfully argued his clients' cases before California and federal appeals courts. He was lead counsel for instatement procedures and was responsible for negotiating the settlement of all claims made by 1,200 employees in a class action lawsuit settled by a consent decree. His litigation practice also includes advising clients, in-house counsel, and partner law firms on electronic discovery best practices, technology assisted review, and compliance with new federal and state electronic discovery rules.

Mr. Wong advises employers on personnel disputes, employee discipline, demotions, and terminations. He drafts and reviews employee policy manuals, checking for compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations. He also counsels employers on workplace safety and OSHA compliance and on the implications of the Americans With Disabilities Act. He assists employers in complying with federal, state, and local requirements governing wages, hours, and other conditions of employment and defends them in administrative proceedings brought by government agencies. As part of his employment and labor law practice, Jonathan negotiates and drafts employment agreements for key employees, executives, and officers. His labor relations practice concentrates on advising employers regarding union elections, employee grievances, contract interpretation and collective bargaining strategies and techniques.

Mr. Wong is the recipient of multiple awards for his provision of pro bono legal services to the indigent. His languages include French, German, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

### **Professional & Community Affiliations**

- Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Member and Past President, Alameda County Bar Association
- Past President, Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation
- Instructional Faculty, San Francisco State University Extended Learning

### **Recognition**

- Pro Bono Leadership Award, *Alameda County Volunteer Legal Services Corporation*, 2013
- Pro Bono Angel Award, *California Lawyer Magazine*, 2007
- Distinguished Service Award, *Alameda County Bar Association*, 2003
- President's Pro Bono Service Award, *State Bar of California*, 2000
- Named, Northern California's "Immigration Super Lawyers", *Super Lawyers*, annually since 2008
- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ (5.0 out of 5) peer-review rated, *Martindale-Hubbell™*

## Bar Admissions

- California

## Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Tax Court

## Education

- **J.D.**, King Hall, University of California, Davis, 1982
  - Hopkins Law Review Prize
  - Editor, U.C. Davis Law Review
  - Moot Court Board
- **B.A.**, Pomona College, 1979
  - National Merit Scholar
  - Finalist, President's Prize in Women's Studies
  - Public Service Director, KSPC-FM campus radio station

## Recent Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2020 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – Employee Privacy Issues](#), March 27, 2020
- [Congratulations to Yen Chau and Jonathan Wong on their ACBA Recognitions](#), January 24, 2020
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2019 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Spotify Settles \\$1.6B IP Suit Brought By Tom Petty's Publisher](#), *Law360*, December 20, 2018

- [Nonprofits Need to Know About the New “ABC Test” for Classifying Independent Contractors](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2018 Super Lawyers](#)

## Recent Speaking Engagements

- September 17, 2021, Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation 2021 , Practising Law Institute, Live Webcast
- December 08, 2020, 2021 Annual Employment Law Update , Webinar
- December 03, 2020, 2021 Annual Employment Law Update , Webinar
- September 03, 2020, Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation 2020 , Practising Law Institute, Live Webcast
- May 28, 2020, CCCEAC 2020 Employment Law News & Update: Adjusting To A New Normal , Contra Costa County Employer Advisory Council, Webinar
- December 12, 2019, 2020 Annual Employment Law Update , San Rafael, CA
- December 10, 2019, 2020 Annual Employment Law Update , Walnut Creek, CA
- December 05, 2019, 2020 Annual Employment Law Update , Oakland, CA
- October 04, 2019, Damages: How do we value cases now? , Alameda County Bar Association, Oakland, CA
- September 19, 2019, Onboarding and Termination 101 , Oakland, CA

## Past Speaking Engagements

- [Onboarding and Termination 101](#), September 17, 2019, Walnut Creek, CA
- [Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation 2019](#), Practising Law Institute, September 12, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [Courage in the HR/Leadership Relationship: Speaking Truth](#), HR Strategy Forum, May 15, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [2019 Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 13, 2018, San Rafael, CA
- [2019 Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 11, 2018, Walnut Creek, CA
- [2019 Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 6, 2018, Berkeley, CA
- [Employment Law and Personnel Management](#), November 14, 2018, Oakland, CA
- [Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation 2018](#), September 6, 2018, San Francisco, CA
- [Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 12, 2017, Walnut Creek, CA
- [Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 7, 2017, Berkeley, CA
- [Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation 2017](#), September 7, 2017, San Francisco, CA
- [Immigration Law for Nonspecialists](#), September 5, 2017, Oakland, CA
- [Preparing for 2016: Annual Employment Law Update](#), January 14, 2016, Walnut Creek, CA
- [Preparing for 2016: Annual Employment Law Update](#), December 10, 2015, Berkeley, CA