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OVERVIEW

Dustin is an associate in the firm's Insurance Coverage Litigation section. Dustin's litigation practice includes complex coverage and bad faith litigation involving various types of insurance, including primary and excess directors and officers, employment practices liability, errors and omissions, and other professional and commercial liability policies.

Dustin is a member of the firm's Recruiting Committee and is involved in organizing recruitment efforts and summer associate programs for the Orange County office. He has also taken on a number of pro bono cases, most recently helping victims of domestic abuse obtain restraining orders and assisting in adoptions.

Dustin received his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2013 after attending the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating *summa cum laude* and receiving a bachelor's degree in political science. While in law school, Dustin was the chief productions editor on the *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal* and participated in the Street Law program. Dustin also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson at the U.S. District Court in the Central District of California.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Insurance Law (2026)*

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Professional Liability

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- Directors + Officers Insurance

- [Employment Practices Liability](#)
- [General Liability](#)
- [Insurance + Reinsurance](#)
- [Litigation + Trial](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Extern, Judge Stephen V. Wilson, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2012-2013

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2013
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010, political science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, "[2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability Update 2018: A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, January 31, 2019.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability Update 2017: A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, February 8, 2018.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability Update 2016: A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, February 27, 2017.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability Update 2015: A Year In Review](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, March 26, 2016.