Patrick K. O'Brien, Esq.

Expedited Arbitrations



Patrick K. O'Brien serves as an arbitrator for expedited arbitrations with FedArb. He is the founder and managing partner of O'Brien Law and a California trial attorney with more than 30 years of experience in catastrophic injury, construction, fraud and accounting matters, and trusts and estates litigation. Mr. O'Brien has successfully tried dozens of cases to verdict in courts throughout California.

Mr. O'Brien has been recognized by Northern California Super Lawyers and Irish Legal 100. He earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law, graduating summa cum laude. His litigation experience also includes product liability, professional liability, insurance, elder abuse, employment and probate matters.

He has served as CEO, general counsel and a board member for companies in the United States, the United Kingdom and Central America. His business background also informs his work prosecuting and defending matters involving complex forensic accounting.

Areas of Expertise

- Major Bodily Injury
- Construction
- Product Liability
- Wrongful Death
- Fraud and Business Disputes
- Trusts and Estates
- Forensic Accounting
- Professional Liability
- Insurance
- Employment

Professional History

O'Brien Law

Founder and Managing Partner: Leads a trial practice representing individuals against major railroad carriers, hospitals and insurance companies. Advises companies as outside general counsel, including businesses in the hotel, construction and recreational vehicle industries.

Trial Counsel: Serves as lead counsel in complex litigation throughout California, including major bodily injury, accounting and fraud matters.

Previously served as a senior associate at Ropers, Majeski and as a partner at Lanahan & Reilley and Daniel Crowley & Associates

Representative Matters

Major Injury Litigation
Mr. O'Brien has secured favorable verdicts for his clients throughout California in major injury cases. He has tried these matters on both the plaintiff and defense sides.

Construction Litigation
Mr. O'Brien has handled hundreds of major construction matters, including construction defect cases, financial disputes and indemnity cases. He has written articles on indemnity issues and focused his practice and expertise in this area.

Awards and Recognition

- Northern California Super Lawyers, 2023
- Irish Legal 100 honoree

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, LL.M., Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, summa cum laude, 2022
- Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., 1993; associate editor, Gonzaga Law Review
- Loyola Marymount University, B.A., 1990

Admissions

- California, 1993
- U.S. District Courts in California
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2018

Professional Memberships and Service

- California bar sections: Employment Law, Litigation, and Trusts and Estates
- International Development Law Organization, Board of Advisors; elected to a four-year term in 2019