

Dirk B. Paloutzian

Dirk Paloutzian is an experienced trial attorney who served as a Deputy District Attorney specializing in elder abuse and other criminal cases. His focus is business and probate litigation and professional liability.

Background

Mr. Paloutzian has been practicing law for more than 25 years. He specializes in business litigation, professional liability defense, probate litigation, and agribusiness. Prior to joining Baker Manock & Jensen in 2002, Mr. Paloutzian spent over five years as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Fresno where he prosecuted elder abuse, sexual assault, homicide, gang, 10-20-life and Three Strikes cases. In 2000, he was selected to be the County's first elder abuse prosecutor and he spent two years handling both physical and financial elder abuse exclusively. He was the first prosecutor in Fresno County to convict at trial a defendant charged with elder abuse. He has tried more than 20 jury trials and numerous bench trials.

Mr. Paloutzian received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, with distinction in general scholarship, in 1991. He received his J.D. from the University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law in 1994. In 1994, Mr. Paloutzian served as an extern to the Honorable Marvin R. Baxter, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

Mr. Paloutzian sits on the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, San Joaquin Valley Chapter (2007 – present) and the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Bar Association (2020 – present). He served on the Board of Directors of the Fresno Wildlife Rehabilitation Service (2009 – 2019) and the Fresno Philharmonic (2007 – 2013). He has presented at Baker, Manock's Central Valley MCLE Day on the subjects of elder abuse, probate litigation and appellate issues.

Areas of Practice

- Business Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Professional Liability
- White Collar Criminal Defense

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Education

- University of California, Berkeley (B.A. Political Science, with distinction in general scholarship, 1991)
- University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law (J.D., 1994)

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California
- United States District Court
- Eastern District of California
- Northern District of California