

## Josh A. Rubin

### Counsel

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## Key Experience

- Handles complex commercial litigation in state and federal court, with an emphasis on class action defense.
- Focuses on representing and advising clients in the telecommunications, financial services, sports and entertainment, hospitality, manufacturing and renewable energy sectors.

## Biography

Josh represents clients spanning numerous industries in complex commercial matters at all stages of litigation, from initial investigations through trial. He combines strong advocacy skills with a commitment to understanding and servicing the specific needs of each client.

Josh has extensive experience representing individuals and companies in a wide range of business disputes, including breach of contract, business torts, securities fraud, civil RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act), intellectual property, employment law and unfair competition law.

Prior to joining Akin, Josh served as a law clerk to the Honorable Margaret M. Morrow in the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

### Areas of Focus

Complex Commercial Litigation

Class Actions

Consumer Class Actions

Labor & Employment

Disputes & Investigations

Consumer Class Actions

Technology

Digital Assets, Cryptocurrency & Blockchain

Consumer Protection

Fintech

Investment Funds Litigation

### Education

J.D., New York University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, 2015

B.A., Macalester College, *summa cum laude*, 2012

### Clerkships

U.S.D.C., Central District of California

### Bar Admissions

California

## Representative Work

- Representing a hotel developer in a civil RICO action alleging a pattern of extortionate environmental lawsuits.
- Representing a leading telecommunications company in various matters including an employment class action alleging independent contractor misclassification.
- Representing a global asset management fund in a complex business dispute between a portfolio company and its founders concerning an out-of-court financial restructuring.
- Representing an investment fund in a securities class action relating to its investment in an oral vaccine manufacturer.
- Second-chaired a jury trial representing a film production company in a dispute involving one of its films.
- Represented a global food manufacturing and processing company in a federal lawsuit concerning the acquisition of intellectual property.
- Represented a leading manufacturer of speakers in a putative consumer class action.
- Represented a constructive activist investment fund in a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) examination.
- Represented a health care provider in a *qui tam* action brought by the California Department of Insurance.

## Publications

- “SEC Defeats Summary Judgment Bid in ‘Shadow Insider Trading’ Case,” Akin Financial Regulatory Alert, November 27, 2023.
- “Ninth Circuit Rejects Heightened State-of-Mind Pleading Requirement for Section 14(e) Claims,” Akin Securities Litigation Alert, January 31, 2023.
- “With Global Court Backlogs, Parties May Turn to Arbitration to Resolve Pandemic-Related Disputes,” *The Impact Lawyer*, April 15, 2020.
- “Class action litigation in the 9th Circuit,” *Daily Journal*, December 12, 2017.
- “The 9th Circuit Rejects Securities Class Action Premised on Businesses’ Complaints About Yelp’s Practices,” Akin Litigation Alert, November 29, 2017.
- “Four Steps of Cooperation During an SEC Investigation,” *Corporate Counsel*, December 13, 2016.