

# Bentley P. Stansbury III

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Focusing on financial services litigation, Bentley Stansbury regularly handles proceedings in state court, federal court and in arbitration. Bentley represents clients in securities, employment, commercial, real estate and probate disputes. He has secured defense verdicts on behalf of broker-dealers, registered investment advisers, clearing firms, investment banks and individual financial advisers.

In connection with his representation of financial institutions, Bentley has defended claims relating to regulatory/self-regulatory organization rule violations, Ponzi schemes, alternative investments and clearing firm liability. He also defends clients in employment disputes, and has handled claims related to harassment, discrimination, misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, whistleblower, retaliation and wrongful termination.

More broadly, Bentley represents individual and institutional clients across a range of sectors in single-plaintiff and complex commercial litigation. He has brought suit related to and defended clients against claims arising from real estate transactions, commercial contracts and business-to-business disputes. Bentley also advises third parties in handling subpoenas and navigating discovery-related issues. He has argued on behalf of clients in state and federal court — including at the appellate level — and in arbitration before JAMS, the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Bentley also provides representation to his financial services clients arising out of probate and divorce proceedings.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, “Arbitrating in the FINRA Forum,” SIFMA C&L Annual Seminar

## PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “Is Your Deposition Subpoena Enforceable Under California Law?” *Daily Journal*

## FOCUS

Appellate  
Employment & Labor  
Financial Services Litigation  
Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation  
Securities Litigation & Enforcement  
Trusts, Estates & Personal Planning

## BAR ADMISSIONS

California  
Washington

## COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California  
U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Southern California  
Gould School of Law  
B.A., *cum laude*, University of California,  
Berkeley



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## RECOGNITIONS

- The *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America (2023-24)
- Southern California Super Lawyers (2021-23)

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Bentley raises awareness of mental health issues on behalf of the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI).

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