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A multi-faceted litigator, Buddy has a track record of resolving complex business and real estate issues. He has over 25 years of experience representing an array of businesses and public entities, including developers, property owners, major retailers, universities, school districts, and utilities. He serves as the firm's Northern California Managing Partner, and previously served as Wendel's Chair of Litigation.

Buddy brings significant industry experience to the firm's well-established real estate, environmental, and construction practices. He handles a wide range of litigated matters, including business and partnership disputes, premise and product liability, and construction defect, with a substantial expertise in real estate, catastrophic injury, and errors and omissions cases.

Buddy is known for being pragmatic, but also for fighting doggedly for his clients when the situation calls for it. This combination of traits may be due to the fact that he is the sixth of seven children and had to be both conciliatory and fiercely determined from a young age to navigate the dynamics of such a large family.

He is a member of the Public Agency Risk Management Association (PARMA), the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, and the Defense Research Institute.

Married for over 25 years, he and his wife Alicia have three children, all of whom are currently in college or graduate school. In his spare time, Buddy likes to travel, play golf, and spend time with family. He also coaches high school freshman football, serving as offensive coordinator. Ask him about his offense only if you have a long time to talk.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of San Francisco School of Law, McAuliffe Honor Society
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Litigation
- Government Relations and Regulatory
- Real Estate Litigation

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, Alameda County Bar Association
- Member, Public Agency Risk Management Alliance
- Member, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance
- Northern California ReLiEF Defense Panel, ReLiEF

ADMISSIONS

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