



John K. Salcedo

Of Counsel

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John Salcedo is a seasoned trial litigator with more than a decade of experience defending businesses, local governments, public entities, and individuals in complex civil litigation. His practice focuses on general liability, automobile and premises liability, personal injury defense, and commercial disputes. John has represented public and private clients in high-stakes litigation involving multimillion-dollar exposure, including wrongful death and municipal land use matters. He has a proven track record of resolving complex disputes through strategic motion practice, alternative dispute resolution, and trial. John is known for developing client-focused defense strategies that leverage creative legal arguments and effective use of subject matter experts to achieve efficient and favorable outcomes.

Before joining Wilson Elser, John honed his skills at public entity and civil defense firms recognized for their trial success. He excels at client communication and integrates clients' personal and business interests into his legal strategy. John has presented cases before city councils and county boards of supervisors, carefully navigating both legal and political considerations. His diverse experience representing public and private clients makes him a versatile advocate capable of handling a wide range of disputes.

Personal Injury

John has successfully defended clients in cases involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death brought against businesses, local governments, and individuals, including multiple jury trials. His premises liability experience includes cases involving community swimming pools and injuries caused by trees on adjacent properties. He has also achieved favorable outcomes for retail businesses, including major supermarket chains and restaurants, in negligence and premises liability matters.

Education

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Municipal/Local Government

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A. Political Science, 2008)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Representative Matters

Obtained dismissal of multimillion-dollar breach of contract action against city by real estate developer alleging that city council violated development and disposition agreement.

Obtained a favorable jury verdict defending a client against assault allegations arising from a road rage altercation.

Successfully resolved premises liability claim brought by a disabled plaintiff against a major supermarket chain for alleged failure to maintain a shared parking lot, securing transfer of defense and indemnity obligations to the parking lot owner, who also assumed a significant portion of the settlement.