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Kammann Cole is an experienced litigator who concentrates his practice on defending complex and high-value claims. He has litigated hundreds of first-party and third-party cases from inception through resolution, including at trial. Kammann regularly defends clients in the areas of personal injury, premises liability, product liability and professional liability claims, including dental and medical malpractice cases.

With a focus on the client's personal, business and litigation goals, Kammann is an aggressive litigator who uses his broad experience to create exit strategies for his clients at an early stage, mapping out and evaluating potential case outcomes while assessing the respective benefits, risks and client needs to achieve the best possible outcome. He has successfully represented his clients through effective pretrial strategies, well-crafted motions and, when necessary, taking cases to trial.

Over the course of his practice, Kammann has defended three of the five largest retailers in the world as well as Fortune 50 companies, small business owners, hotels, luxury retailers, construction companies, manufacturers, medical professionals, long-term care facilities, residential treatment facilities, trucking companies and local "mom and pop" operations. Additionally, Kammann regularly defends dentists in professional liability disputes. His mother, a retired dentist, provides invaluable insight into the issues he confronts.

Education

- Thomas Jefferson School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- University of Colorado at Boulder (B.A., 2009)

Bar Admissions

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Employment & Labor
- Professional Liability & Services

- California

Professional Affiliations

- San Diego County Bar Association
- San Diego Defense Lawyers
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™*, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in San Diego Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2023-2025

Publications

June 4, 2020

Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters

Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Client Wins

Cole Secures Jury Defense Verdict in High-Stakes Malpractice Trial

Kammann S. Cole (Partner-San Diego) secured a jury defense verdict in favor of an insured dentist in the Los Angeles Superior Court following a two-week trial. The dental malpractice case proceeded to trial after a codefendant settled shortly beforehand for a significant sum. The matter came down to a quintessential battle of the experts, with the plaintiff's counsel seeking high six-figures as compensation. Despite the challenging posture of the case, Kammann successfully persuaded the jury to return a defense verdict, delivering an excellent result for the firm's institutional client.

Cole & Burlington Secure Summary Judgment for Big-Rig Client

Kammann Cole (Partner-San Diego, CA) and Katharine Burlington (Associate-San Diego, CA) secured summary judgment on behalf of a commercial trucking company resulting in full dismissal. Three minor successors in interest had asserted negligence claims and issued a policy-limits settlement demand following a motor vehicle accident involving the decedent and the client's big rig. At the time of the collision, the decedent was under the influence, unlicensed, and had a prior felony conviction for unsafe vehicle operation. Kammann and Katharine successfully negotiated voluntary dismissals from two of the plaintiffs, while the third refused. They then moved for summary judgment in Riverside County Superior Court, which was granted in full, eliminating all claims against the client.

Cole Secures Summary Judgment on Behalf of Construction Company in Negligence Case

Kammann S. Cole (Partner-San Diego, CA) secured summary judgment on behalf of a

construction company in the San Diego Superior Court. The plaintiff sought damages for injuries resulting from a playground swing that was installed by the insured, alleging negligence for violating a statutory requirement forbidding the installation of the at-issue multiple occupancy swing. Kammann was able to get the case summarily dismissed by arguing the completed and accepted doctrine applied to the insured's work on the playground.

Jury Defense Verdict against \$12 Million Demand in Premises Security Incident

Peter Hughes (Partner-San Diego | San Francisco) and Kammann Cole (Associate-San Diego) obtained a jury defense verdict on behalf of an insured bar owner in San Diego Superior Court after a three-week trial. The plaintiffs attempted to enter the insured's restaurant/bar on St. Patrick's Day in 2019 after having been expelled from the bar next door. The plaintiffs were intoxicated and spit on the bar's security guards, who were not properly licensed at the time of the incident, and an altercation ensued. One of the plaintiffs suffered a fractured leg and another alleged a traumatic brain injury. The plaintiffs' counsel demanded \$12 million in compensation and punitive damages. Peter and Kammann were able to secure a favorable defense verdict on behalf of the firm's client.