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Location

Newport Beach

Practice Areas

Business Litigation
Real Estate
Partnership Disolutions
Labor and Employment

Education

J.D., University of Southern California, School of Law

B.A., San Diego State University

Bar Admissions

California



Mediator Profile

Jacob C. Gonzales is an experienced commercial trial attorney who has tried 18 cases to verdict or judgment and participated in more than 100 mediations as counsel. His litigation experience encompasses complex business, real estate, partnership, shareholder, fiduciary duty, and contract disputes.

Previously, Jacob was a partner and litigation department chair at Weintraub Tobin and a partner at Waldron & Bragg. He has also served as Judge Pro Tem for the Orange County Superior Court.

Drawing on extensive trial and arbitration experience, Jacob brings a practical, balanced perspective to mediation. He understands the risks, costs, and pressures of litigation and works to help parties identify common ground and achieve informed, workable resolutions.

Representative Matters as Counsel

- Secured an award exceeding $1.5 million and affirming significant ownership rights in an 11-day commercial real estate arbitration.

- Defeated $15 million in arbitration claims and obtained a $2.3 million attorneys' fee and cost award.

- Defended a six-week jury trial involving a $60 million personal guaranty claim, achieving a favorable result.

- Obtained an 11–1 defense verdict in a $7.7 million guaranty dispute.

- Secured a $2.3 million plaintiff's jury verdict in a commercial lease dispute.

- Obtained dismissal of a $100 million derivative action.

- Served as counsel in *Acquire II, Ltd. v. Colton Real Estate Group* (2013) 213 Cal.App.4th 959.

Recognition

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2025-2027; Rising Stars, 2011–2017

Affiliations

Goodwill Orange County
Board of Directors and Executive Committee, 2017-2026