



## Richard M. Freeman

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation
- Construction and Infrastructure

### INDUSTRIES

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Tribal and Indian Law

### OVERVIEW

Richard M. Freeman is a partner in the Real Estate, Construction and Land Use Litigation Practice Group and the Labor and Employment Practice Group in the firm's Del Mar Heights office.

#### Areas of Practice

Mr. Freeman specializes in Native American issues, including but not limited to sovereign immunity, Tribal sovereignty, Indian water rights, the Indian Gaming and Regulatory Act, Tribal Compacts, Tribal contracts and leases, Indian Tax issues, Indian environmental regulatory and compliance issues and labor and employment issues on tribal lands.

Mr. Freeman specializes in Business Disputes, Real Estate and Construction litigation and labor and employment matters. Mr. Freeman's litigation experience includes numerous state and federal court jury trials, injunctions, arbitrations, class actions, and administrative trials. Mr. Freeman has argued cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on a number of occasions, the California Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Freeman has been litigating real estate and construction disputes for over 30 years. This litigation has taken the form as first chair of more than 10 jury trials of over two weeks in length (with more than a 90% success rate); dozens of judge trials; and dozens of arbitrations. Mr. Freeman has represented large landowners, landlords against corporate tenants and has represented corporate tenants against landlords. He has also represented numerous owners, developers, contractors and subcontractors in construction disputes.

Mr. Freeman has been named as one of the top Southern California "Super Lawyers." He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the San Diego Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He is listed in Who's Who in American Lawyers. He has spoken before national attorney groups on a variety of subjects including trial issues and employment issues.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University, 1974, with distinction
- B.A., Claremont Men's College, 1970, *with honors*

### EXPERIENCE

#### Tribal Representation

- Mr. Freeman and his partners have been extremely involved in significant transactions and matters for or with a number of Tribes. These matters have ranged from general business advice, IGRA compliance, hundred million dollar loan transactions, leases, tax, construction, land use, environment, contracts, ordinances, resolutions, insurance, tribal sovereignty and gaming compacts.

**Tribes Represented**

- TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS
- COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE
- LYTTON BAND OF POMO INDIANS
- CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA
- VIEJAS BAND OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS
- KALISPEL TRIBE OF INDIANS
- SYCUAN BAND OF THE KUMEYAAY NATION
- THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
- BIG VALLEY RANCHERIA BAND OF POMO INDIANS
- EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
- NEZ PERCE TRIBE
- CABAZON BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- CAMPO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE OF ARIZONA
- ST. CROIX CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
- SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- SAC & FOX TRIBE
- FOXWOODS-MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBE
- PAUMA-YUIMA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE
- PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS
- THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS
- AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS
- EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
- ONEIDA NATION
- SAN PASQUAL TRIBE
- SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS
- THE TULALIP TRIBES OF THE TULALIP RESERVATION
- PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS
- MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBE
- BARONA TRIBE OF MISSION INDIANS
- RINCON SAN LUISENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY
- COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

- SANDIA BAND OF PUEBLO INDIANS
- PALA INDIANS
- HO-CHUNK TRIBE OF INDIANS

**HONORS**

- San Diego Super Lawyer, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- "Martindale Hubbell "AV" rating"

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, Board of Directors, San Diego Association of Business Trial Lawyers