

# Michael Cullen Parme

San Diego, California

## **Professional Engagement & Pro Bono**

**Legal Chair & Executive Board Member,**  
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Alliance, San Diego Chapter

**Pro-Bono Panel Attorney,** United States District  
Court, Southern District of California

### **Other Affiliations:**

Lawyers Club of San Diego  
Association of Business Trial Lawyers  
Notre Dame Club of San Diego  
CalCPA, San Diego Chapter

## **Education**

**University of Notre Dame Law School,** Notre Dame, IN  
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2008

**Creighton University,** Omaha, NE  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2004

## **Legal Experience**

**Haight Brown & Bonesteel LLP,** San Diego, CA  
*Partner*, June 2009 – Present

Trial attorney and litigation specialist representing businesses, insurers, and individuals in a broad array of high exposure civil actions. Familiar with all aspects of civil litigation, including modern litigation management and e-discovery platforms, from pleadings through trial. Specialized skills include deep knowledge of matters related to insurance coverage, bad faith, and maximization of risk transfer. Substantial experience defending multi-party lawsuits involving complex property and catastrophic injury losses. 300+ depositions. 100+ mediations.

**Lorber, Greenfield, & Polito LLP,** Poway, CA  
*Associate*, August 2008 – June 2009; *Law Clerk* May 2006 – August 2006

Represented general contractors and developers in construction defect matters involving single family homes, apartment complexes, and condominiums. Drafted pleadings, motions, briefs, memoranda, and correspondence. Argued hearings on procedural and substantive motions in court. Attended mediations, site inspections, and case management conferences.

**Notre Dame Law School Public Defender Externship,** South Bend, IN  
*Certified Deputy Public Defender*, January 2008 – May 2008

Certified by the State of Indiana to represent criminal defendants in traffic and misdemeanor matters. Consulted with clients, negotiated plea bargains with state prosecutors, and advocated on behalf of indigent clients before state magistrates.

**California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate Dist., Div. 1,** San Diego, CA  
*Judicial Extern for Hon. Gilbert J. Nares, Associate Justice*, May 2007 – August 2007

Drafted proposed opinions under the supervision of Justice Gilbert Nares and staff attorneys. Performed supplemental research on high profile pending cases. Attended oral arguments and lecture program. Analyzed and evaluated habeas petitions and juvenile dependency matters.

**Muhammad Ali Enterprises LLC**, Berrien Springs, MI

*Legal Assistant to President/CEO Ronald DiNicola*, February 2007 – April 2008

Drafted legal memoranda on intellectual property issues arising from commercial use of Muhammad Ali's name, image, voice, etc. Initiated lucrative business relationships with sports management services, marketing firms, high profile athletes, and business executives in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

**American Claims Management**, San Diego, CA

*Claims Assistant*, July 2004 – August 2005

Analyzed and evaluated claims against products liability and commercial auto insurance policies. Communicated with policyholders, claimants, and third parties.

**Awards & Distinctions**

San Diego Super Lawyers®, Rising Star 2015-2020

Business Insurance Magazine, Break Out Award 2017

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP)

**Speaking & Publications 2017-2021**

*COVID-19 Waivers*, San Diego Defense Lawyers (Presentation, 2020)

*Dynamex and A.B. 5: Imminent Trends Concerning Utilization of Independent Contractors*, AICPA Government Performance and Accountability Committee (Presentation, 2020).

*I'm Out, You're In – How to Get Others to Pay*, Lockton Law Day (Presentation, 2020).

*The Ongoing Argument of Ongoing Operations*, Construction Claims Magazine (Article, 2019).

*Dynamex and A.B. 5: Imminent Trends Concerning Utilization of Independent Contractors*, San Diego Defense Lawyers (Presentation, 2019).

*Perspectives on Dynamex: Developments and Responses to Independent Contractor Law in California*, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (Presentation, 2019).

*Construction Contract Fundamentals*, Gallagher Bassett Insurance Services (Presentation, 2019).

*SD Business & Industry: Independent Contractor Laws Update*, CalCPA Education Foundation (Presentation, 2019).

*Digital Dirt: Social Media in Modern Litigation*, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (Presentation, 2018).

*What's Next for ACA Repeal?*, Law 360 (Article, 2017).

*ACA Repeal: Deciphering the Path Ahead*, Law 360 (Article, 2017).

*Health Care Reform Behind Closed Doors*, Daily Journal (Article, 2017).

*Senate Faces Health Care Bill Hurdles*, Daily Journal (Article, 2017).

*Affordable Care Act Gets Uncertain Prognosis*, Daily Journal (Article, 2017).

*At What Cost? Fresh Perspectives on Statutory Offers to Settle*, Lockton Law Day (Presentation, 2017)