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Dan Bruggebrew is an experienced litigator who handles complex civil matters in federal, California state, and administrative courts, as well as an advisor and guide to individuals and companies navigating government inquiries, enforcement actions, internal investigations, and pre-litigation resolution of disputes.

Dan is a partner in the firm's *Chambers*-ranked White Collar Defense and Investigations group, where his government enforcement defense experience ranges from conducting internal investigations and managing responses to government investigations, to preparing clients and experts for deposition and testimony, to coordinating large individual- and multi-defendant litigation teams in discovery, motion practice, trial, and appeal. Most recently, Dan has been a key member of the trial team, including by taking trial testimony of a key government witness, defending against one of the largest regulatory enforcement actions in U.S. banking history.

In addition, Dan focuses on defending Bay Area employers in wage-and-hour class actions, including against representative claims under California's Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA), and in cases involving claims of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Dan focuses his pro bono practice and community service on improving the lives of children. He obtained special immigrant juvenile ("SIJ") status and legal permanent residency for a Central American minor, and he represented amici curiae before the Supreme Court of California in support of another Central American minor seeking findings from a California family court in support of her own SIJ application. Dan is a Founding Member and Vice President of the Young Professionals Council of the Okizu Foundation, the mission of which is to help all members of families affected by childhood cancer to heal through peer support, respite, mentoring, and recreational programs.

Prior to joining Coblentz, Dan was an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and interim regulatory counsel at DoorDash. Before becoming a lawyer, Dan spent seven years as a transplant organ placement coordinator and served on the Ethics Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing, the not-for-profit quasi-governmental administrator of the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

Dan earned his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, served as judicial extern to California Supreme Court Associate Justice Goodwin H. Liu, and received the Jurisprudence Award in Written & Oral Advocacy and the Prosser Prize in Professional Legal Ethics. Dan earned his M.S. from the College of Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his B.A., *summa cum laude*, with an independent concentration in bio-organic chemistry, from the University Professors Program at Boston University, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and was a Goldwater Scholar and a Beckman Scholar.

Notable Representations

Internal Investigations

- The Legal and Audit functions of a multinational technology company in investigations relating to allegations of sexual harassment, discrimination, financial impropriety, and breach of fiduciary duty.
- The Audit Committee of a multinational technology company in an investigation of whistleblower allegations of financial improprieties by corporate officers.
- The Special Committee of a multinational hotel developer and operator in an investigation of allegations of sexual harassment by an executive.
- The Special Litigation Committee of a publicly traded utility in an investigation of claims that certain directors and officers had breached their fiduciary duties prior to a fatal gas pipeline rupture.

Corporations

- A Vault 100 law firm in a putative gender-, pregnancy-, and maternity-discrimination class action.
- A Fortune 500 technology company in a consolidated putative age discrimination class action.

- A Fortune 500 energy company in a putative wage-and-hour class action.
- A leading post-acute health care services provider in an HHS-OIG/DOJ False Claims Act investigation regarding allegations of unnecessary surgical procedures.
- A financial services firm in an SEC/FINRA investigation regarding allegations of fraud and elder abuse in a branch office.
- A leading managed healthcare company in a state court action alleging violations of the California Unfair Competition Law and the Cartwright Act.
- A non-profit immigrant legal services organization serving as amicus curiae to the California Supreme Court.

Individuals

- Senior audit executive in a regulatory enforcement action, including trial, brought by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in one of the largest U.S. bank regulatory enforcement actions in history.
- Numerous former employees of an S&P 500 biotechnology company in connection with an HHS-OIG/DOJ False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute investigation into patient assistance programs.
- A former executive of an investment management firm in an SEC/DOJ enforcement action alleging fraud.
- Numerous pro bono clients seeking relief as special immigrants or asylees.

Education

- J.D., Order of the Coif University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2015)
- M.S., University of California, Berkeley, College of Chemistry (2008)
- B.A., summa cum laude Boston University, University Professors Program (2007)