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Dan Bruggebrew focuses on white collar defense and internal investigations, as well as litigation in federal and state court. Dan is an experienced investigator who has represented companies, Audit Committees, Special Litigation Committees, and individuals in internal investigations and in responses to inquiries and enforcement actions by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Dan is also a litigator who has represented technology, entertainment, hospitality, and energy companies; law firms; and healthcare providers and insurers in settlement and pre-trial proceedings, including mediation, discovery, and motion practice.

Prior to joining Coblentz, Dan was an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and interim regulatory counsel at DoorDash, Inc., where he developed compliance programs and helped build new business verticals. Before becoming a lawyer, Dan spent seven years as a Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinator at Northern California's organ procurement organization, serving one term as regional representative to 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 Berkeley Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif and received the Prosser Prize in Professional Legal Ethics and the Jurisprudence Award in Written and Oral Advocacy. During law school, Dan served as judicial extern to the Honorable Goodwin H. Liu of the California Supreme Court and as Appellate Director of the Board of Advocates. Dan obtained his M.S. from the College of Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, where he was honorably mentioned by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program. 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 elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar and a Beckman Scholar.

Dan has professional working proficiency in written and spoken Spanish.

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

- 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.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Author, The Administrative Law Implications of Quasi-Governmental Organ Allocation, 41 Seton Hall Legis. J. 1 (2016), reprinted in Janet Dolgin & Lois L. Shepherd, Bioethics and the Law (3d ed. 2018)
- Co-Author, The Development of Organ Donation Systems and Regulatory Bodies in the United States, in Oxford Textbook of Transplant Anaesthesia and Critical Care (Ernesto A. Pretto, et al. eds., 2015)
- Co-Author, Synthesis of the Azaphilones (+)-Sclerotiorin and (+)-8-O-Methylsclerotiorinamine Utilizing (+)-Sparteine Surrogates in Copper-Mediated Oxidative Dearomatization, 76 J. Organic Chemistry 2577 (2011)

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)