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Services

Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Preston Chaffee focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Preston was a litigation associate in the San Diego, California office of an international law firm where his practice included a variety of complex civil litigation areas including policyholder side insurance, securities, and white-collar matters.

While attending University of San Diego School of Law, Preston served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Patrick J. Bumatay in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Margaret Mann in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California. He was a member of the Transactional Law team, winning The Closer, a national transactional law competition, in 2021.

Prior to attending law school, Preston spent eight and a half years in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer. His billets included Navigation Instructor at the Littoral Combat Ship Training Facility, Navigator with the Littoral Combat Ship Crew 111, and Main Propulsion Officer on the USS CHAFFEE (DDG-90).

Preston was recognized in 2025 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Experience

*Represented one of America's largest insurance companies as a policyholder in a variety of insurance coverage disputes.

*Supported several publicly traded companies in response to shareholder litigation and information demands following the announcement of extraordinary transactions.

*Conducted an internal investigation of a publicly traded company in response to allegations of misconduct.

*Represented a pro bono client in a 1983 medical deliberate indifference case against the California Department



of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

Education

University of San Diego School of Law J.D. (2021) *magna cum laude*, *Richard A. Bayer Endowed Scholarship*, *CALI Award*, *Law Achievement Scholarship*, *Evening Honors Scholarship*

Drexel University B.A., Political Science (2012) *Political Science Essay of the Year*, *Drexel Merit Scholarship*

Admissions

California (2022)

North Carolina (2024)

Professional & Community Activities

United States Navy, Lieutenant Commander (2012-2021)

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