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Chris Gribble represents businesses, municipalities, and individuals in a wide range of commercial disputes with an emphasis on construction litigation, real estate, partnership disputes, and contract actions. He has been to trial a handful of times, and has resolved far more disputes in mediation and arbitration.

As part of his construction practice, Chris primarily represents owners and design-builders in contract disputes and delay cases for high-end private contract construction. While the majority of Chris's construction matters involve private works projects, he also has advised clients on dispute resolution under the Public Contract Code. He has also represented parties in a variety of real estate-related matters, including commercial and residential sales disputes, unlawful detainer actions, partnership and joint venture disagreements, and easement and boundary claims.

In his broader commercial litigation practice, Chris has resolved partnership and joint venture disputes and defended against the dissolution of a closely-held corporation and litigated the related appointment of a provisional director. Leveraging his scientific background, he has litigated patent disputes for biotech and high-tech companies, and has handled several complex environmental matters involving CERCLA claims for contaminated groundwater sites. In one of these matters, Chris recently defended a nearly \$50m CERCLA claim on summary judgment.

Chris has a deep understanding of his clients' business models and objectives, and views litigation as a means to further them. When it comes to the actual day-to-day push and shove of litigation, Chris leverages his past experience working in public defenders' offices, a role that required being in court constantly, and advocating in the face of bad facts and law. There is no better training for litigation. Chris finds where to gain leverage, and how he can maximize it to his client's advantage.

Distinctions

- Rising Star - Construction, *Legal 500 United States* 2019

Outside the Office

Now that he has a young daughter, Chris's days as a backpacker are on hold for a time, but he still finds time for occasional fly fishing and garage winemaking.

Services

- Construction
- Engineering, Procurement, and Construction
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (J.D., 2012)
- University of California, Berkeley (M.S., 2008)
- Ohio State University (B.S., 2006)
 - . *summa cum laude*, Chemistry

Bar Admissions

- California