

## D. Jason Lyon

Partner

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Jason Lyon provides skilled strategy and advocacy to clients in commercial, employment, and general civil litigation matters. He capitalizes on his background in complex commercial and securities litigation at an Am Law 100 firm to achieve successful results for his clients. Jason's practice emphasizes high stakes disputes, often centered on complex financial transactions and intricate fact patterns.

In addition to his practicing law, Jason is a life-long community volunteer. He has held numerous leadership positions in both public and private organizations. Jason currently serves as a City Councilmember representing Pasadena's District 7, home to the Pasadena Playhouse, Caltech, and Pasadena Community College, among other iconic Pasadena institutions. Jason is also actively engaged within Hahn & Hahn, where he has led a number of key initiatives to diversify and modernize the firm.

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### Related Capabilities

Business

Employment

Litigation

Trust Litigation

## Experience

### **Representative Cases**

Won \$21 million arbitration award in partnership dispute involving general partner's failure to distribute funds in accordance with partnership agreement

Lead litigator representing major medical billing service provider in multi-million dollar breach of contract, conversion, and fraud claim against collection agency, resulting in Confession of Judgment and full restitution

Won a five-day trial as lead counsel defending a substantial family estate against a challenge to the legitimacy of its governing trust instrument and alleged malfeasance

Represented plaintiff professor in discrimination claim against private university resulting in substantial settlement

Devised successful pre-litigation risk mitigation strategy for high net-worth client in dispute with start-up business partner

### **Current matters include**

Representation of medical partners in fraud and related claims against healthcare entity that acquired their practice

Shareholder derivative claims involving closely held family wholesale business

Defense of fraud and conversion claims in failed real estate venture

Defense of theft of trade secrets and related claims

## Credentials

### Admissions

California

California State Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

### Education

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D. (UCLA Law Review; Michael T. Masin Scholar; Order of the Coif)

University North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A.

### Publications

[Author, "Revolution in Progress: Third-Party Funding of American Litigation," 58 UCLA L. REV. 571 \(2010\)](#)

### Honors & Awards

Awarded as "Diversity, Inclusion + Equity Community Impact Award" Honoree, Los Angeles Business Journal, 2024

Featured as "Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility Visionary," L.A. Times B2B Publishing, 2023

Recognized in "Business of Law: Legal Visionaries," L.A. Times B2B Publishing, 2022

Selected to "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2021

Selected to "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2020, 2022

**"We tend to think of legal practice as an intellectual exercise, but great trial lawyers really thrive on emotional intelligence. My approach to litigation is equal parts strategy, psychology, and storytelling."**

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## Community Involvement

### Professional Organizations

American Bar Association

*Member, 2011–present*

Los Angeles County Bar Association

*Member, 2011–present*

*Access to Justice Committee, 2016–2017*

Pasadena Bar Association

*Member, 2017–present*

LGBT Bar Association

*Member, 2011–present*

City of Pasadena

*Member, City Council, 2022–present*

*Member, Planning Commission, 2019–2022*

*Member, Board of Zoning Appeals, 2019–2022*

*Member, Historic Preservation Commission, 2018–2019*

Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley

*Member, Board of Directors, 2019–2022*

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

*Member, Board of Directors, 2018–2020*

Western Justice Center

*General Counsel, 2018–2019*

All Saints Pasadena

*Senior Warden, 2016–2017*

*Junior Warden, 2015–2016*

*Vestry, 2013–2017*

Young & Healthy

*President, 2017–2019*

*Vice President, 2016–2017*

*Board of Directors, 2014–2019*

City of Los Angeles

*Vice Chair, Neighborhood Council Review Commission, 2006–2008*

*Member, East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, 2004–2005*

*Co-Chair, Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, 2003–2005*

*Governing Board Member, Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, 2003–2007*

Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy

*Board Member, 200–2008*