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EDUCATION

- California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA; J.D., May 2013
- California State University Long Beach; B.A., in Political Science, May 2009

CERTIFICATIONS

- Member of the State Bar of California

WCAB COVERAGE LOCATIONS

- Anaheim
- Long Beach
- Marina Del Rey
- Pomona
- Riverside
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- Santa Ana

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EXPERIENCE:

GALE, SUTOW & ASSOCIATES – ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE

Cypress, California

Partner, May 2014 - Present

Mr. Finch is a Partner in our Orange County Office and has over 8 years of experience litigating and defending Workers' Compensation claims in California. He currently represents employers and insurance carriers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense. Mr. Finch appears regularly before the WCAB to attend Status Conferences, Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Case-in-Chief Trials, Lien Conferences and Lien Trials.

Mr. Finch takes an aggressive approach in his litigation strategy, which has led to multiple take nothing findings, early settlements and prompt resolution of his client's litigated claims. He has been able to successfully identify fraudulent claims and see them through to conviction in various counties throughout Southern California. Mr. Finch is often sought after to handle complicated medical cases that require a cross-examination.

Mr. Finch regularly presents on a variety of topics at the request of his clients and various industry organizations.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Psyche and Stress Claims in Workers' Compensation – San Bernardino, CA – July 2022
- Non-IBR Med-Legal Disputes – Cypress, CA – Oct. 2021
- Med-Legal Strategies – Cypress, CA – June 2021
- UR/IMR – Cypress, CA – May 2021
- Non-IBR Med-Legal Disputes – Van Nuys, CA – Feb. 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LAW CLERK/PARALEGAL

Workers Compensation and Civil Litigation. Performed substantive legal research and drafted legal memorandum in regards to unique areas of workers' compensation litigation including AOE/COE, employment, MPN, lien litigation, and assisted in various Civil Litigation filings including answering civil discovery and motions for summary judgment.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

San Diego State University, Center for Health Equity Research & Policy. Provided literature reviews and performed research for the San Diego State Division of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. Edited and critiqued grant proposals and various documents for SDSU Doctorate students. Assisted Director of Center for Health Equity Research and Policy in regards to special projects.