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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
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Justin McCarthy is a litigator with experience representing public and private clients in trial and appellate litigation in both state and federal courts.

Justin's experience includes successful representation of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a contentious dispute with Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Justin also represented the County of Los Angeles in novel litigation challenging local legislation that sought to bar the implementation of California Governor Newsom's Project Roomkey and Project Homekey programs that sought to place individuals experiencing homelessness in local hotels and motels. Justin also represented the County of Los Angeles in a series of lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the County's emergency response to COVID-19. In another recent matter, Justin represented the City of Inglewood and Mayor James Butts against Madison Square Garden's attempts to block construction of the new Los Angeles Clippers arena.

Prior to joining Pacifica, Justin worked at two well-known law firms in the Los Angeles area, and also interned at the California Department of Justice in the Office of the Attorney General. Having completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington before completing his law degree at the University of California, Berkeley, Justin is excited to be back home in the Pacific Northwest.

Justin enjoys sailing, open-water swimming, hiking with his wife and dog, and cheering on the Seattle Seahawks.

Bar Admissions:

- Washington (pending)
- California

Education:

- University of Washington, B.A., Political Science and Communication
- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D. (*Berkeley Journal of International Law*; Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society; Berkeley Law First Generation Professionals)
- Clark College, A.A., with Honors