



# DANIEL C. HEATON

## ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

DANIEL C. HEATON brings almost a decade of complex litigation and class action experience to the litigation team at Richardson|Ober.

While an undergraduate at the University of Utah, Daniel completed an internship with the Supreme Court of the United States that left a lasting impression:

“I became fascinated by the process by which the Supreme Court decides which cases will be heard each year (a little over 1%, or about 80 of 7000). What is it about certain issues or even how briefs are written that makes the Court more inclined to accept them?”

This led Daniel to return to Washington, DC to attend The George Washington University Law School where he received his Juris Doctor degree with honors in May 2008. In reflecting on some of the high points so far in his career, Daniel acknowledges that his SCOTUS internship and subsequent focus while at GW provided him valuable insight when he was later asked to advise a client on how best to respond to petitions to both the Supreme Court of California and then the Supreme Court of the United States. After preparing the necessary briefs, the result returned exactly as predicted — in favor of the client.

It's that drive to research and explore the best options for a client that makes Daniel an excellent litigator. His belief is, to be successful, one should always strive to be the best possible version of oneself. His clients and colleagues agree. Daniel endeavors to bring a quiet dignity to his interactions with homeowners, who are often struggling with disputes, board elections, violations to property lines and assessment collections. He understands that emotions run high in these types of situations and, to mitigate this stress, Daniel patiently explains processes and options available and then acts swiftly to get the matter handled as soon as possible. Daniel works closely with other members of the Community Association Law practice as well as fellow litigators at R|O to ensure the best results for clients.

Not surprising, Daniel says that if he weren't an attorney, he would probably be a teacher. This is evident in his methodical style of laying out a case's merit and developing an appropriate tact to solving the client's problems. He taught at the high-school level prior to law school and looks to one day incorporate teaching into his career by serving as an adjunct professor for a local law school.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Common Interest Developments
- Employment Law

## EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., with Honors
- University of Utah, B.S., Political Science/Philosophy

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2010

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

## LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Tagalog



At his former firms, Daniel handled critical law and motion matters, including appellate advocacy, in general and commercial liability, personal injury, and products liability disputes. Having initiated his legal career at one of the top employment defense firms in the nation, Daniel also has substantial experience defending discrimination, wrongful termination, and wage/hour disputes on both a class-action and individual basis.

In his free time, Daniel enjoys travel and running. In fact, look for Daniel to join other R|O runners in upcoming local 5K and half marathons in 2019.