



Lorien Giles

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“Being an effective advocate requires more than knowing the law. I focus my representation on developing and understanding my clients’ business and legal objectives. I believe considering every available avenue, including litigation, is the optimal approach to achieving the best business impact and a client’s overall goals.”

Lorien Giles is a commercial litigator practicing in both California and Washington. He assists clients in all stages of litigation, including pre-litigation strategy, discovery, depositions, and decisive motions practice. He has worked with individuals, executives, and businesses from diverse areas, including consumer products, finance, environmental law, transportation, manufacturing, healthcare, entertainment, professional services, technology, and cannabis.

Lorien handles a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters. Recently, he successfully defended entities against Clean Water Act claims, achieved substantial recoveries from banking institutions, and handled a litigation portfolio for a major telecommunications company.

Before joining Miller Nash, Lorien was an associate at a litigation boutique firm in Los Angeles, California, where he worked on complex commercial disputes and various other matters, including defending students accused of misconduct as a part of the Varsity Blues Scandal and developing a case which resulted in a multi-million-dollar malpractice award. While at UCLA, he worked as a research assistant focusing on amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional Activities

- Law Clerk, Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, Los Angeles, CA, 2016

Representative Experience

- Defended port against wide ranging claims of Clean Water Act violations.
- Achieved substantial recovery from banking institutions for alleged involvement in a Ponzi scheme.
- Successfully defended major telecommunications company against claims of misconduct.
- Briefed claim regarding the constitutionality of Washington’s cannabis regulations.

Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 2018

B.A., Claremont McKenna College, philosophy and economics, 2014

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2022
California, 2018

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

- Investigated large company for fraud during a multi-million dollar buyout dispute.
- Advised on breach of contract claims against major movie studio.

Presentations

- “Illicit Discharges an Emerging Area in Clean Water Act Liability,” Washington State Bar Association Environmental Section CLE Presenter (May 2023)
- “Clean Water Act Lawsuits and Emerging Contaminants,” Northwest Environmental Business Council, Managing Stormwater in Washington Conference, panelist (March 2023)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® (Seattle, WA)
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-present

Personal Activities

Lorien enjoys hiking, cycling, cooking, and tinkering with computers.