



## Oliver Rocos

Partner

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**Practices:**

Complex Business Litigation, Entertainment, Class Actions

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Oliver Rocos joined Bird Marella in 2019, having spent five years practicing law at two top tier law firms in addition to three years as a barrister in London, England.

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He has represented a broad range of individuals, media, technology, and financial industry clients in complex commercial disputes involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, negligence, and employment claims, as well as in securities and regulatory actions. Oliver is admitted to practice in California, New York, and England & Wales, and regularly litigates in state and federal court, as well as in arbitration proceedings.

## Education & Admissions

- Boston University School of Law, L.L.M., 2013
- College of Law, Postgraduate Diploma, 2008
- Cardiff University, L.L.B., Senior Status, 2007
- Cardiff University, B.A., 2005

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- California, 2017
  - New York, 2013
  - England and Wales, 2008

## Notable Matters

Secured a complete and final dismissal of all amended counterclaims against client Word Collections, Inc., a performing rights collection agency that represents songwriters (including Metallica) and comedians (including Billy Crystal, Bill Hicks, and Jerry Seinfeld), in an antitrust action brought by subscription-based audio streaming service Pandora Media, LLC. Bird Marella

obtained dismissal of all counterclaims in the case for the second time in April 2023 after securing a complete dismissal in October 2022.

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Obtained approval of a class action settlement in a high-profile pro bono lawsuit against the Director of the Bureau of Prisons and the administrators at Lompoc federal prison regarding their failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Previously obtained preliminary injunction and successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those over the age of 50 for home confinement.

## Associations

- President, British American Bar Association
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation Executive Committee

## Awards & Recognitions

- Lawyers on the Fast Track, California Legal Awards, *The Recorder*, 2023
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Entertainment and Sports Law, Best Lawyers®, 2022
- Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021
- Outstanding Pro Bono Award, Iranian American Bar Association, 2018
- Innovation in Legal Work in Latin America, 2016

## Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, Trial Readiness Panel, Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Litigation Section, April 2024
- Co-Author, "[Ninth Circuit Applies Omnicare to Section 10\(b\) and Rule 10b-5 Claims](#)," with Joshua Hamilton and James Moon, May 2017