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Matthew Learned serves as chair of FPLG’s Litigation Practice Group, leading a dedicated team of legal professionals in the representation of the firm’s nonprofit and business clients.

Mr. Learned began his legal career “in-house” for an independent record label, before transitioning into civil litigation. His diverse civil litigation experience over more than a decade includes taking complicated cases through trial and appeal, with both the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeals.

Over the course of his legal practice, Mr. Learned has assisted individuals enforce their statutory rights as members of nonprofit organizations, boards of directors navigate internal disputes, and organizations deal with employment actions, contract disputes, and trademark infringement matters.

“I joined FPLG, inspired by the words of Ruth Bader Ginsburg – ‘Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.’ As nonprofits, many of our clients operate under this philosophy on a daily basis. Through my representation, I hope my work likewise encourages others to advocate for these organizations and the work they do.”

— MATT

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Civil Litigation | Businesses & Nonprofits →

Nonprofit & Tax Exempt Organizations →

Social Enterprise & Business Law →

ADMISSIONS

- California Bar



- California Supreme Court
- US District Courts for all District Courts of California (Southern, Eastern, Northern, Central)

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, California Western School of Law
- Master of Business Administration, San Diego State University
- Bachelor of Science, Business Administration & Marketing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- San Diego County Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- ARCA Academy, Encouraging Public Participation, Without Losing Effectiveness and Efficiency, May 2023
- Nonprofits in an NFT-Powered Metaverse: Just A “Passing Fad,” or Emerging Opportunity? University of San Diego Nonprofit Governance Symposium, January 2023
- Nonprofit Organizations and Cryptocurrency, University of San Diego Live Webinar, March 2022

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

- Lecturer, University of San Diego School of Leadership & Education Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

- Potocki v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.: The Need for Clarity When Investors Disallow Loan Modifications, UTA Quarterly, Winter 2019, at 12.
- Security First Rule Poses Dangers for Loans Secured by Multiple Properties, UTA Quarterly, Winter 2014, at 12.