

Daniel Barlava

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With a focus on complex commercial litigation, Daniel Barlava is a key member of the KBK legal team who has successfully developed strategies and arguments for clients at the state and federal level, as well as in confidential arbitration proceedings and mediations. He has experience in a variety of matters spanning myriad industries, including breach of contract disputes, intellectual property disputes, employment law, public policy, and white collar defense.

Mr. Barlava also maintains an active pro bono practice with an emphasis on immigration law.

Education

Columbia Law School, J.D., 2020

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (2017–2020)
- Journal of Environmental Law

Northwestern University, B.A., Economics and History, 2014

Representative Matters

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Obtained a favorable decision on a patent license defense in federal court in connection with a patent valued at more than \$1 billion.
- Settled numerous copyright infringement disputes on favorable terms for defendants.
- Obtained summary judgment in federal court on behalf of an employer movie studio in connection with a breach of contract and employment discrimination claim related to COVID-19.

- Representing Los Angeles County in proceedings in federal court related to the use of force in Los Angeles jail facilities.
- Representing a chairman of the board of directors of a publicly traded company in connection with a federal investigation.

Pro Bono

- Obtained a grant of asylum for a family from El Salvador before the Santa Ana Immigration Court.

Recognition and Affiliations

- Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, 2015

Publications and Appearances

- “A Bitt[n]er Pill to Swallow”, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, 2022
- “Years after rapper was convicted for killing, questions raised about his case,” *The Lens*

Prior to Kendall Brill & Kelly

- **Irell and Manella LLP**

Associate, November 2020—April 2022

Bar and Court Admissions

- **California, 2021**
- **U.S. District Court**
Central District of California
- **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

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