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Practice Areas

- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law

Admissions:

- California
- Colorado
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Easterr District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Virgin Islands

Education:

- J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 2006.
- M.A., International Political Economy, Fordham University, 2003, with distinction in Economic Analysis
- B.A., Political Science and International Relations, Tufts University, 1999.

Associations:

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York
- Virgin Islands Bar Association

Julian Pardo de Zela is an experienced litigator who has handled a wide spectrum of legal matters and disputes in both federal and state trial and appellate courts, representing clients at trial and in arbitrations, mediations, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Pardo de Zela builds relationships with his clients to better understand their businesses and provide counsel. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in business and civil matters including contract disputes, misappropriation of intellectual property and breach of fiduciary duties by directors and officers, and other related business torts.

Mr. Pardo de Zela also has extensive experience in employment litigation, with an emphasis on the litigation of wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage-and-hour claims, as well as other personnel and workplace issues.

Mr. Pardo de Zela's practice also focuses on tort litigation with particular emphasis on catastrophic injury, products liability, and construction site accident and defect claims.

Mr. Pardo de Zela grew up in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He graduated from Tufts University in 1999 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and International Relations. In 2003, Mr. Pardo de Zela was awarded a Master's degree in International Political Economy from Fordham University. He received his law degree from The George Washington University Law School in 2006, and was admitted to the California practice of law the same year. While in law school, Mr. Pardo de Zela clerked for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and the National Science Foundation.

Immediately after law school, Mr. Pardo de Zela clerked for the Honorable Michael D. Mason of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

Mr. Pardo de Zela is a Member of the California State Bar, the New York State Bar and the U.S. Virgin Islands Bar. He is licensed to practice in all of the California state courts; the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; all the New York state courts.

Mr. Pardo de Zela's interests include basketball, teaching, traveling, chess, and hiking. He lives in Mountain View, California with his family.