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OVERVIEW

Zandir Morton is a partner and member of the Intellectual Property Litigation practice group. Alekzandir focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, including trademark, copyright, patent, and trade secret matters, as well as complex commercial litigation. He represents clients through all phases of federal and state litigation, from initial case assessment and discovery through motion practice, trial, and appeal. He has experience handling disputes involving trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement, copyright and trade dress claims, unfair competition, and breach of contract matters. He has represented clients across a range of industries, including technology, manufacturing, financial services, higher education, and consumer products, in litigation involving emerging technologies, intellectual property assets, and other high-stakes business disputes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Alekzandir practiced at an international law firm, where he represented clients in intellectual property, employment litigation, and complex commercial litigation. His experience included representing research universities, technology companies, manufacturers, financial institutions, and other businesses in matters involving trade secret and contract claims related to innovative technologies, trademark and copyright disputes, employment litigation, and commercial contract claims. He also maintained an active pro bono practice representing individuals and nonprofit organizations in housing, employment, and asylum matters.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2026–2027
- The National LGBT Bar Association, 40 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40, 2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors, AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)
- Member, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF)

- Volunteer mock trial coach, Balboa High School

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 2011
- J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 2017

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 September 2026, K&L Gates Expands Corporate and Intellectual Property Capabilities With Six-Partner Team Across California and Texas

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- Employment Disputes
- Wage and Hour

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Trade Secrets

- Represented a leading US research university in a trade secret claim involving cannabis technology, obtaining dismissal with prejudice on favorable terms after filing a demurrer on all claims.
- Represented a leading US research university in claims involving trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, and unfair competition related to cancer diagnostic technologies, successfully moving to dismiss several claims.
- Represented a leading US research university and its professor and employees in litigation involving trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract claims related to cancer therapeutic technologies, obtaining dismissal with prejudice of the university and employees following a motion to dismiss.
- Represented a kiosk technology and manufacturing company in litigation involving trade secret misappropriation and breach of employment agreements against a competitor and former employees, resulting in a multimillion-dollar judgment.
- Represented a global automotive manufacturer in a trademark infringement lawsuit involving unauthorized gray-market auto parts in the United States. Following entry of judgment on a US$75,000 Rule 68 offer, obtained an award of US$551,373 in attorneys' fees after the court deemed the matter exceptional under trademark law.

Trademark, Trade Dress, and Copyright

- Represented a global automotive manufacturer in a US International Trade Commission matter involving unauthorized gray-market service and repair parts using the client's trademarks. The ITC issued a limited exclusion order, cease and desist orders, and a consent order against four automotive parts dealers.
- Represented a blockchain and NFT developer in trademark infringement claims involving the name of a cryptocurrency, resulting in an injunction and a favorable settlement.
- Represented a leading US research university and professor in a copyright infringement action, obtaining dismissal from the matter.
- Represented a mobile application developer in copyright and trade dress litigation involving mobile applications, leading to a favorable confidential settlement.

Employment

- Represented a national bank in employment discrimination and retaliation claims, obtaining summary judgment on all causes of action and zero liability.
- Represented a well-known hotel in discrimination, retaliation, harassment, and contract claims asserted by a former employee. Obtained an arbitral award on all causes of action, which was upheld by the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, resulting in zero liability.
- Represented a university in discrimination, retaliation, and defamation claims brought by a former lecturer, obtaining dismissal with prejudice through successful motions to dismiss and under anti-SLAPP law.

Commercial Litigation

- Represented a Fortune 500 engineering and construction services company in consolidated fraud and breach of contract litigation involving a software implementation agreement.
- Represented an electronics manufacturer in a dispute concerning unpaid products and excess components.
- Defended the board of directors and chief executive officer of a professional medical corporation against breach of contract, defamation, and related claims, obtaining dismissal with prejudice of all causes of action.
- Represented investment funds in a claim against an early employee of a technology company for breach of a stock purchase agreement, resulting in a favorable confidential settlement.