

**Special Counsel**

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Mr. Esposito represents leading financial institutions in a variety of complex litigations surrounding bank fraud. In addition, Mr. Esposito has built a niche practice involving in-branch altercations, commonly working with law enforcement to protect bank employees and customers.

Matthew attended the University of Virginia and moved west following graduation. He co-founded a startup destination management company and later became the company's general counsel during which he drafted, structured and negotiated numerous deals with company partners and vendors. Eventually, he was integral in supervising and effectuating the company's purchase by a larger competitor.

Matthew's interest in legal and business affairs drove him to pursue and obtain a J.D./M.B.A. Joint Degree from the UCLA School of Law and the Anderson School at UCLA, graduating as one of only five candidates in the program. Following graduation, Matthew has worked for Southern California's top law firms, defending corporate clients and their employees in a variety of customer-driven lawsuits. Eventually, his practiced diversified to the defense of employment-based claims including claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, and violation of trade secret and copyright laws.

Matthew currently defends large banks with fraud and forgery claims. In addition, he has defended a variety of racial and gender discrimination cases, prevailing through jury trials. Recently, he has seen an uptick in cases involving altercations at bank branches when an unruly customer shows up at a bank making threats of violence. He assists employees so that they can be protected, prepared and responsive in such situations and also serves as a conduit between the bank and local law enforcement.

## Education

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- University of California, Los Angeles, J.D., 2002
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.B.A., 2002
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1996

## Admissions

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- California

## Areas of Practice

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### Appeals

### Transactions

### Trials

### Banking

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Bank Operations](#)

### Business Litigation

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Unfair Business Practices \(UDAP\) Litigation](#)

### Employment

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

### Financial Services

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Mortgage Banking](#)
- [Unfair Business Practices \(UDAP\) Litigation](#)

## Results

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- [Financial Services Trial Team Wins 12-0 Jury Verdict in Race Discrimination Case](#)