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Robert C. O'Brien's practice focuses on complex litigation and domestic and international arbitration. He has expertise in entertainment, intellectual property, oil and gas, and contract and business tort matters.

Mr. O'Brien has tried numerous cases to verdict in state and federal courts in both jury and bench trials as well as in domestic and international arbitral proceedings.

In addition, he has been appointed chair and wing arbitrator in more than a dozen domestic and international arbitrations. Mr. O'Brien has been a federal court-appointed discovery master in several of the largest recent cases in the Central District of California, including *MGA v. Mattel* ("Barbie v. Bratz"), *United States v. Standard & Poors* and *In re Allergan Securities Litigation*. He was named one of the top 100 lawyers in California by the Daily Journal. In 2016, The Los Angeles Business Journal named him as one of the 500 most influential people in Los Angeles.

Prior to establishing Larson O'Brien LLP with Stephen G. Larson, Mr. O'Brien was the California managing partner of a national AMLAW firm. He grew the California offices from 10 lawyers to more than 110 in seven years.

Mr. O'Brien served as the U.S. Alternate Representative to the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which met in New York from 2005 through 2006. In July 2008, Mr. O'Brien was appointed by the President to serve a three-year term on the Cultural Property Advisory Committee, which advises the U.S. Government on the Convention on the Cultural Property Implementation Act. He was the founding Co-Chairman of the Department of State Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan from 2007 to 2011, serving under Secretary of State Rice and Secretary of State Clinton.

Mr. O'Brien was a Major in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve. He served as a senior legal officer at the UN Security Council (UNCC) in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1996 to 1998, where he handled government claims against Iraq arising out of the first Gulf War.

Mr. O'Brien's articles on international law, the right of publicity and civil procedure have been published in leading law reviews and journals. His essays and editorials on foreign policy and national security regularly appear in national publications. He is a frequent guest on Fox News, CNN and The Hugh Hewitt Radio Show. His book, *While America Slept: Restoring American Leadership to a World in Crisis* was published by Encounter in 2016.

Mr. O'Brien served on the Dean's Advisory Board of the Fowler School of Law at Chapman University. He was a member of the International Republican Institute (IRI) delegations that observed the presidential election in the Republic of Georgia in October 2013 and the parliamentary election in Ukraine in October 2014. Mr. O'Brien served as a Pacific Council on International Policy observer of the 9/11 Military Commission proceedings in Guantanamo Bay.

He has been a senior advisor to Governor Mitt Romney and Governor Scott Walker in their presidential campaigns.

Mr. O'Brien graduated, *cum laude*, from UCLA, and received his JD degree from the UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

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