

## Donald S. Gottesman – Founding Partner



Mr. Gottesman graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1975, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors. He also studied history at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Mr. Gottesman received his law degree from the Hastings College of the Law, University of California, San Francisco, in 1978, and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. He received the Milton D. Green Award given to the top ten students in his class at Hastings College of the Law.

Mr. Gottesman was a member of the Hastings Law Journal from 1976 to 1977 and a founder and research editor of the Hastings International and Comparative Law Review in 1977 and 1978. He served as an adjunct professor of constitutional law at the Northrop University School of Law in Los

Angeles (1981-1982). Mr. Gottesman is also an instructor for the UCLA extension program, teaching a course entitled; "The Language of Litigation."

Mr. Gottesman is an experienced trial attorney who has tried and won cases in diverse legal fields. He has been lead trial counsel in both civil and criminal cases and has won multi-million dollar verdicts for his clients. He has represented clients in major real estate, construction, tax, partnership, antitrust, brokerage, employment, and insurance disputes. He is admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California and the United States District Court, Central District of California. In 1996, after obtaining a \$5 million jury verdict in a fraud case, Mr. Gottesman was profiled by the Los Angeles Daily Journal in an article entitled "Shakespeare Buff Repels Oppressor's Wrongs." In 2007, the San Fernando Valley Business Journal named Mr. Gottesmanas one of the "Top 25 Lawyers of the Valley."

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Gottesman was a partner in the firm of Allen, Matkins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory. He previously had been associated with the firm of Kindel & Anderson.