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Zachary Ritz advises clients in high-stakes litigation with a focus on patent infringement, trade secret and other intellectual property disputes. Recognized by *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* as among “the brightest and most promising among the ever-growing roster of legal talent.”

Mr. Ritz’s practice centers on enforcing intellectual property rights in a variety of industries, including networking, alternative energy and wireless communication technology. He has achieved positive results, including favorable jury verdicts, on behalf of his clients through the assertion of trade secrets and other complex commercial disputes. Mr. Ritz’s practice also includes representing defendants in white-collar crime and government investigations.

Prior to joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Ritz practiced at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he focused on complex commercial litigation and investigations across several industries, including technology, media, real estate, banking and oil & gas. Earlier in his career, Mr. Ritz served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roy B. Dalton, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

### Admissions

- Florida
- California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

### Education

- New York University School of Law, LLM, Taxation (*Tax Law Review*, Editor)
- University of Florida Levin College of Law, JD, *summa cum laude* (*Journal of Technology Law and Policy*, Executive Research Editor)
- University of Central Florida, MBA
- University of Florida, BS, *cum laude*

### Clerkships

- Honorable Roy B. Dalton, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (2016-2018)

### Select Engagements

## KOBRE & KIM

- In *Propel Fuels Inc. v. Phillips 66 Co.*, Kobre & Kim won a US \$604.9 million jury verdict on behalf of its startup client, an innovator in renewable fuels, following a terminated acquisition by oil major Phillips 66. Secured after a five-week trial in the Superior Court of California, the victory is already the most significant trade secret verdict of the past three years and the fifth-largest verdict of any kind in 2024. Because the jury found the misappropriation to be willful and malicious, the Court may treble those damages, which could result in the largest trade secret verdict in history. The case has already triggered changes in the M&A industry as to how confidential information is managed.