



DANIEL C. HEATON

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

DANIEL C. HEATON is a Senior Associate at Richardson | Ober | DeNichilo and brings over a decade of litigation experience to the team. Daniel focuses primarily on litigation involving community associations, as well as providing counsel on related issues, such as interpretation or enforcement of governing documents, resolution of homeowner disputes, or evaluation of maintenance responsibilities.

While still an undergraduate, Daniel completed an internship with the Supreme Court of the United States that left a lasting impression:

I became fascinated by how the Supreme Court decided which cases to grant certiorari each year (a little over 1%, or about 80 of 7000). What made the Court more inclined to accept certain issues or reward particular styles of writing over others?

This fascination led Daniel to return to Washington, DC to attend The George Washington University Law School where he received his Juris Doctor degree with honors in May 2008. Daniel was an Articles Editor for The George Washington Law Review, participated and won Best Brief awards in the Van Vleck Constitutional Moot Court competition, and co-taught the Legal Research and Writing course as a Dean's Fellow.

In reflecting on some of the high points so far in his career, Daniel acknowledges that his SCOTUS internship and subsequent focus at GW provided valuable insight when he was later asked to advise a client on how to respond to petitions to both the Supreme Court of California and then the Supreme Court of the United States. After preparing the necessary briefs, the result returned exactly as predicted — in favor of the client.

It's that drive to research and explore the best options for a client that makes Daniel an excellent litigator. His belief is, to be successful, one should always strive to be the best possible version of oneself and assist others in their attempts to do the same. His clients and colleagues agree. Daniel endeavors to maintain a quiet dignity in all his interactions with homeowners, who may be struggling with neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, encroachments over property lines, maintenance issues, or delinquent assessments. He understands that emotions run high in these types of situations and, to mitigate this stress, Daniel patiently explains processes and options available and then acts swiftly to resolve the matter. Daniel believes that close collaboration with other members of the Community Association Law practice at R|O|D helps to ensure the best results for clients.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Litigation
- Common Interest Developments
- Condominium Law
- Real Estate
- Writs and Appeals
- Employment Law

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., with Honors
- University of Utah, B.S., Political Science/Philosophy

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2009
- United States District Courts: Central/Southern California

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Community Associations Institute – Amicus Review Committee
- CAI – Greater Inland Empire Chapter, Communications & Legislative Support Committees (2021)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

LANGUAGES

Tagalog

Prior to joining RIOID, Daniel handled critical law and motion matters, including appellate advocacy and writ practice, in general and commercial liability, personal injury, and products liability disputes. Having initiated his legal career at one of the top employment defense firms in the nation, Daniel also has substantial experience defending discrimination, wrongful termination, and wage/hour disputes on both a class-action and individual basis.

In his free time, Daniel enjoys travel and running and often combines the two by participating in charity races outside of state.