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Greg Fayard is a founding shareholder of Cardinale Fayard. He is an accomplished trial and litigation attorney who has represented Northern California and Central Valley professionals, businesses, and healthcare providers in complex and large exposure lawsuits.

Greg began his practice as a deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice, where he defended health care professionals in a variety of matters and helped oversee and implement settlement provisions of a large healthcare system class action. He has extensive experience defending governmental agencies and employees in section 1983 litigation including trial and on appeal before the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit.

In private practice, Greg's experience includes numerous multi-party litigations in both federal and state court. He defends financial professionals and broker-dealers before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He also represents directors and officers and professionals in error and omission claims for breach of fiduciary duty. He is particularly known for defending California lawyers and law firms in malpractice suits and before the State Bar of California. He is certified by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization in legal malpractice law (one of approximately 100 such lawyers in California). His litigation practice also includes representing HOAs and anti-SLAPP claims. See *Panakosta Partners, LLP v. Hammer Lane Management, LLC* (2012) 199 Cal.App.4th 612. He also obtained a published opinion in his client's favor in a public records act case. See *Getz v. Superior Court* (2021) 72 Cal.App.5th 637.

Greg received his law degree in 2000 from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, with a Certificate in Governmental Affairs. In law school he was a staff writer for the law journal, *California Initiative Review* and received special accommodation for his trial advocacy skills. Previously, he earned a Master's degree in political science from the University of Utah and a Bachelor's degree in public relations from Pacific Union College, in Angwin, California.

A leader in bar and civic activities, Greg is past president of the Placer County Bar Association and Pacific Union Adventist Attorneys Association. In 2011, the Placer County Board of Supervisors appointed him to a four-year term as a county parks commissioner. He currently serves as co-chair of Placer County's



property tax Assessment Appeals Board. From 2013 to 2016, Greg served as chair of the school board at Sacramento Adventist Academy. He writes and speaks regularly on California legal ethics, including Sacramento Lawyer magazine.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Civil litigation
Medical Malpractice Defense
Professional Liability Defense
Public Records Act Litigation and Counsel
Legal Ethics Counseling
HOA Law

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

EDUCATION

J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2000
M.A., University of Utah, Political Science, 1996
B.S., Pacific Union College, Public Relations, 1991

PUBLICATIONS

"The Ethical Lawyer, Rule 3-310(C), Avoid Potential Pitfalls of Joint Representation of Clients," Sacramento Lawyer Magazine, September/October 2015

"Why Avoiding Conflicts of Interest Matters," Sacramento Lawyer Magazine, November/December 2015

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Certified Specialist in Legal Malpractice Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization
Placer County Bar Association, President
President's Award, Placer County Bar Association, 2009
Placer County Assessment Appeals Board, Co-Chair
Placer County Parks Commission, Commissioner
Placer County, Law Library Trustee
Sacramento County Bar Association
Sacramento Adventist Academy, Chair and Board Member
Pacific Union Adventist Attorneys Association, President

CLASSES / SEMINARS TAUGHT

Speaker, "Ethics Training with Kim Wexler," North American Division Adventist Attorneys Association (September 2022)

Speaker, "Navigating the New Rules of Professional Conduct," Placer County Bar Association Annual Meeting (April 2019)

Speaker, "Social Media and Legal Ethics," Webinar (September 2018); Pacific Union Adventist Attorneys Association Annual Meeting (September 2019); California Association of Realtors Legal Forum (May 2021)

Speaker, "California's New Rules of Professional Conduct," Pacific Union Adventist Attorneys Association (November 2017 and October 2018); Sacramento County Bar Association (December 2017); Placer County Bar Association (January 2018); Asian Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (September 2019)

Speaker, "Client Trust Accounts," San Joaquin County Bar Association (January 2017)

Speaker, "Avoiding Conflicts of Interest," Pacific Union Adventist Attorneys Association (November 2015)

Speaker, "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act," Allied Trustee Services (June 2014)

Speaker, "Client File Retention Protocols," Placer County Legal Professionals Association (May 2010)