



PRACTICES

- Business / Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Securities & Corporate Finance

INDUSTRY

- Financial Institutions

BAR ADMISSION

- California

EDUCATION

- LLM (Taxation), University of San Diego, 1996
- JD, Columbia University, 1981
Editor-in-Chief -
Columbia Journal of Environmental Law
- BA (Economics and Sociology), UC Berkeley, 1978
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> LOCATION / CONTACT INFO

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Kurt Kicklighter practices in the representation of financial institutions and other public and private companies in securities, mergers and acquisitions and venture financing. Mr. Kicklighter also works with family-owned businesses to formulate and achieve family strategic objectives. He is a frequent speaker on financial institution board of directors and management issues and on mergers and acquisitions transactions.

> RECENT WORK / REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Initial Public Offering of Market Creek Partners, LLC, a non-profit-sponsored community asset-building entity.
- Sale of regional commercial building maintenance company.
- Merger of Legacy Bank, N.A. with Landmark National Bank.
- Formation of bank holding companies for Borrego Springs Bank and Mission Oaks National Bank
- PIPE and related resale registration statements of Akorn, Inc.
- Going private transaction of Borrego Springs Bank.
- Purchase of Sellers Petroleum, a regional petroleum distribution company.
- Sale of an insurance general agency.
- Structure management buy-in to nationwide insurance field marketing organization.
- Sales of Pacific Western National Bank and Bank of Coronado to First Community Bancorp.
- Sale of Chemicon International, Inc. to Serologicals, Inc.
- Sale of John Burnham Insurance Co. to Union Bank of California.

> **RECENT WORK / REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS** *CONTINUED*

Formation and Initial Public Offerings of Mission Oaks National Bank, Landmark National Bank, Seacoast Commerce Bank, California Community Bank, San Diego Trust Bank and Coronado First Bank.

New Markets Tax Credit advice and related Private Offering of Neighborhood Bancorp.

Follow-on Public Offerings of California Community Bank, Cuyamaca Bank, N.A., 1st Pacific Bank and Professional Business Bank.

Representation of Standby Placement Agent in Follow-on Public Offerings by Discovery Bank, Pacific Commerce Bank and Centennial First Financial Services.

Structuring of multiple family business enterprises to further estate planning and succession objectives.

Investment by publicly-held bank holding company in an investment banking firm.

Structuring of public company executive compensation arrangements.

Part of team representing Graham Webb International in its sale to Wella.

> **MEMBERSHIPS**

San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation - Board of Directors.

San Diego Business Forum - Past Member and Past Executive Committee Member.

American Bar Association.

Make A Wish Foundation of San Diego, Inc. - Board of Directors.

Old Mission Rotary - Past Member.

State Bar of California - Member, Financial Institutions Committee (1992-94).

California League of Savings Institutions Attorneys Committee (1988-91).

> **RECOGNITION**

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Rating.

The Best Lawyers in America® - First Year Listed: 2007 - Most Recent Listing: 2012 (Banking and Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law).

San Diego Best Lawyers® Banking Lawyer of the Year: 2009.

The Daily Transcript: San Diego County Top Attorneys - Most Recent Listing: 2007 (Corporate Transactional).

Super Lawyers: Business Edition - 2011 - Banking.

San Diego Super Lawyers - Corporate Counsel - Most Recent Listing: 2009 (Business / Corporate).

San Diego Super Lawyers - Most Recent Listing: 2011 (Banking).

> **PUBLICATIONS**

“U.S. Department of the Treasury TARP Capital Purchase Program”
Luce Forward Legal e-Update - October 17, 2008.

“Immediate Action Should Be Taken to Amend Your Corporation”
Luce Forward Legal e-Update - January 13, 2005.

Co-Author: “Public Participation in State NPDES Enforcement”
Columbia Journal of Environmental Law, Vol. VI No. 2.

> **PRESENTATIONS**

Participant, Mock Board Session: “Practical Solutions for What’s Changed: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You” - Western Independent Bankers Annual Directors Conference - San Francisco - October 7, 2010.

Panelist: “Caught in a Bad Finance: Advanced Loan Workout Strategies and Practices”
Orange County (April 13, 2010) - San Diego (April 15, 2010).

“Thinking Outside the Box” - Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Value Challenge Seminar
June 23, 2009.

“Key Issues Facing Boards of Directors: SEC Disclosure & Enforcement” - Directors Roundtable/Connect -
January 29, 2008 - Hear presentation to the Directors Roundtable regarding 2008 Proxy Compensation
Disclosures.”

“What Makes Us Different: Clients First at Luce Forward” - San Diego Business Forum
January 10, 2008.

“Drafting LLC and LLP Agreements” - National Business Institute (continuing education for lawyers)
December 7, 2007.