

HUESTON HENNIGAN



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Education

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (J.D., 2014) cum laude
University of California, Davis (A.B., 2010, English and Political Science)

Clerkships

Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Admissions

California

Derek Flores focuses on high-stakes business disputes and class action defense. Mr. Flores represents individuals and companies in a broad range of industries, including video game publishing, social media, biopharmaceuticals, and financial services.

Mr. Flores has a wealth of complex litigation experience, with an emphasis on privacy, antitrust, and unfair competition litigation. He has experience litigating cases at all stages, from pretrial through appeal. He has written briefs, managed discovery, and prepared witnesses and experts for deposition and examination.

Mr. Flores also maintains an active pro bono practice, having represented victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders and victims of Central American gang violence seeking asylum.

Prior to joining Hueston Hennigan, Mr. Flores was an associate at Irell & Manella. While in law school, Mr. Flores was a judicial extern to the Honorable Edmond E. Chang of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. He also served as media editor for the *Northwestern University Law Review*.

Experience

Representing **Southern California Edison** and **Edison International** in litigation arising out of the 2017 Thomas Fire, 2018 Montecito mudslides, and 2018 Woolsey Fire.

Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of leading cannabis company **Cura Partners** in an unfair competition and contractual interference lawsuit against competitor Bloom Farms.

Conducted an independent investigation for the **Board of Regents of the University of California** into whistleblower allegations of improper governmental activities and retaliation.

Activities

Director, Los Angeles County Bar Association Counsel for Justice