

## Wilson M. Dunlavey

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Wilson Dunlavey is an attorney in Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein's San Francisco office specializing in class actions on behalf of victims of environmental disasters and consumers who have unknowingly purchased products with devastating consequences to the environment.

Wilson is on the leadership team for the “Clean Diesel” multidistrict litigation against Volkswagen, which has recovered over \$11 billion for its clients in a settlement without precedent. In recognition of his efforts, Wilson was awarded “California Lawyer of the Year” by the *California Daily Journal* in 2018. Wilson continues to prosecute claims under the Lanham Act on behalf of competitor dealerships alleging lost vehicle sales, as a result of the fraud.

Wilson is also part of the leadership team for the Fiat-Chrysler “EcoDiesel” multidistrict litigation. The plaintiffs allege that Fiat-Chrysler cheated its customers and misled the public by installing emissions defeat devices in more than 100,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram 1500 EcoDiesel vehicles. The devices allow the supposedly “Eco” vehicles to emit noxious pollutants at over twenty times the legal limit.

Additionally, Wilson is actively litigating two environmental catastrophe class actions. He represents homeowners and local businesses in one of the largest environmental disasters in United States history, the 2015 Porter Ranch gas leak near Los Angeles. He also represents approved classes of fishermen, local oil industry workers, and property owners and lessees, suing Plains All American Pipeline for the catastrophic (and preventable) 2015 Santa Barbara oil spill.

Wilson is a graduate of the University of California Berkeley School of Law, where he won the National Championship in the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition. He is also fluent in German and holds an honors Ph.D. in history from the Humboldt University in Berlin.

In his spare time, he enjoys yoga, gardening, and cooking.

## Education

University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (Berkeley Law), Berkeley, California, J.D. - 2015  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Ph.D. - 2015  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, M.A. - 2011

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, B.A. - 2003

## **Bar Admissions**

California, 2015

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2016

U.S. District Court Central District of California, 2016

U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 2016

U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina, 2016

## **Honors & Awards**

"Rising Star for Northern California," Super Lawyers, 2019 - 2020

"California Lawyer of the Year" ("CLAY Award"), California Daily Journal, 2018

"Consumer Attorney of the Year Finalist," Consumer Attorneys of California, 2017

"Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement," American Antitrust Institute, 2017

## **Languages**

German