

CHRISTOPHER J. SCHWEICKERT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Business cases (contracts, partnerships, small business law)
- Auto accidents (personal injury, wrongful death)
- Trust/estate matters
- Other civil cases

**BACKGROUND**

- Civil practice since bar admission in 2003
- General civil practice, Stoddard, Bergquist, Wood & Anderson (Walnut Creek, 2005-2008)
- Judicial Extern, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit (Colorado/New Mexico, Fall 2005)
- Trust/financial elder abuse litigation, Barr & Barr Attorneys (Pleasant Hill, 2001-2004)
- Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy (Spring 2003)
- Federal civil rights litigation, Pacific Justice Institute (Sacramento, 2001-2002)
- Tax return work, Thomas Schweickert, Inc. (Walnut Creek, 1991-2001)
- Member of the California Bar since 2003 (passed on first taking) and the District of Columbia Bar since 2009. Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of California, the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. District Court (N.D.Cal.), and the D.C. Court of Appeal
- Other interests include biking, skiing, backpacking, travel, cello, ballet, Krav Maga

**CASES OF NOTE**

- Sued a public college for disciplining students for non-disruptive prayer in violation of the First Amendment (*Kyriacou v. Peralta*, 2010) (school withdrew discipline, affirmed First Amendment rights, and paid attorney's fees)
- Sued the State of California for refusing to recognize the marriage of a couple who added the words "bride" and "groom" next to their names on their marriage license (*Codding v. Horton*, 2008) (State recognized the marriage and paid attorney's fees)
- Petition for writ of mandate granted by the California Court of Appeal (*Horn v. Friedli*, 2005) (L.A. Superior Court reversed in ruling on trust dispute)
- Third-chaired a financial elder abuse jury trial in the Contra Costa Superior Court and helped successfully defend the \$1.2 million judgment on appeal (*Ferre v. Ferre*, 2003)



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