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Sal Padula recognizes that while litigation can be necessary, it should rarely be a first choice for resolving business disputes. Sal takes a dual-track approach to cases, combining assertive advocacy with outside-the-box exploration of non-litigation dispute resolution. His focus is always on achieving clients' objectives efficiently and effectively.

Sal has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants across a broad range of civil matters, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, trade secrets misappropriation, partnership dissolution, and shareholder disputes. He has negotiated partnership dissolutions, stock purchase agreements, and commercial leases. Sal stays focused on prompt case resolution, particularly through negotiation or early dispositive motion whenever possible.

Prior to joining CGS3, Sal was a member of the commercial litigation group at Boyd Law, APC, a boutique litigation firm. He has provided pro bono consulting services on criminal defense and civil rights matters. Before embarking on his legal career, he was a realtor and property manager.

## Education

- J.D., Notre Dame Law School, *cum laude*
- B.A., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara

## Bar Admissions

- California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- Illinois (Inactive)

## Involvement

- San Diego Bar Association

## Notable Deals/Cases

- Represented plaintiff in the State of California Court of Appeal's decision to reverse a trial court dismissal order on an engineering and design contract in a land development project.
- Drafted winning appellate brief on behalf of defendant corporation in action challenging the validity of a board of directors election. Successfully opposed appellants petition for review by California Supreme Court.
- Successfully defended business owner in action over disputed sale of company, including prevailing on anti-SLAPP special motion to strike obtaining dismissal of entire complaint.
- Defended corporate director against claims of breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract, successfully demurring to plaintiff's complaint and obtaining dismissal of entire action.

## Accolades

- Co-Author, "Unlawful Detainer Response Deadline Legal Update," *The Daily Transcript*, *Daily Journal*, and *cgs3.com* (2025)

## Practice Areas

- Dispute Resolution & Litigation
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