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Mark B. Pitchford has been with Cooley his entire legal career and served in senior leadership roles for 25 years.

Prior to undertaking management roles on a full-time basis, Mark maintained a diverse business litigation practice in both federal and state courts. While engaged in his litigation practice, a significant portion of his practice was devoted to complex commercial contract litigation and license disputes. He also advised numerous of the firm's emerging company clients on a myriad of issues that potentially impacted their businesses. In addition to practicing in state and federal courts, he also handled matters in a variety of alternative dispute resolution forums. Mark served as a deputy district attorney for the County of Santa Clara in 1989 as part of a cooperative program between Cooley and the District Attorney's office. In 1999, California Law & Business named Mark one of California's Top 20 Up and Coming Lawyers Under the Age of 40.

Mark attended Stanford University on a basketball scholarship.

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law
JD, cum laude, 1984

Stanford University
AB, International Relations, with distinction and departmental honors, 1981

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)