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Eric Darnell Anderson is a highly accomplished trial attorney at Varner & Brandt, bringing over twenty years of top-tier litigation experience to the firm's Riverside and San Bernardino offices. With a career marked by high-stakes advocacy, Eric has tried more than 150 cases to verdict in criminal, civil, and business law cases. His practice is grounded in rigorous prosecution and advanced defense strategies, making him a formidable presence in both state and federal courts.

Eric is well known for his skill in handling complex legal issues with a practical, results-focused approach. Whether representing public officials in delicate matters, defending businesses against Lanham Act violations, or advising specialized industries like craft brewing and distilleries, he emphasizes strategic risk management and his clients' long-term goals. His reputation for quality is shown by his AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the top peer rating for legal skill and ethics.

Eric's diverse background provides him with a unique 360-degree view of the courtroom:

- Business & Civil Litigation: Spearheads high-profile cases including defamation, contract violations, and regulatory compliance.
- Criminal Defense & Prosecution: Served as a Deputy District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney, managing specialized units for gang crimes, domestic violence, and casino-related felonies.
- Public Sector Advocacy: Previously served as Deputy County Counsel for Contra Costa County, directing representation in civil rights and tort litigation.

Deeply committed to the Inland Empire community, Eric serves as an At-Large member of the San Bernardino Bar Association. He is an active mentor to the next generation of legal minds, volunteering his time as a Mock Trial coach and judge. Additionally, he serves as the Presiding Justice for the Redlands Elks Lodge.

Before his legal career, Eric was a history teacher and coach, a professional singer, and an actor. He is also a member of the New England Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame, a testament to his multifaceted career and relentless drive.

FOCUS

- Business & Civil Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Trial Practice

- Insurance Defense
- Public Entity Representation

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School (2000)
    - Honors: Most Outstanding Mock Trial Member; Sullivan Award
- B.A. in History, Pitzer College (1992)

ADMISSIONS

- State Bars: California and Massachusetts
- Federal Courts: U.S. District Court (Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts of California)
- Super Lawyer: Recognized annually since 2023
- AVVO Rating: 10/10