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## TOP 40 UNDER 40

California's leading lawyers of 2017

Lauridsen acknowledges being a big sports fan, but said he never set out to have a sports practice. Yet his work in commercial litigation as a partner at Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP has allowed him to take on some unusual cases and people, including the president of the United States.

Perhaps most notably, Lauridsen worked with the ACLU of Northern California in a pro bono capacity as a lead attorney challenging President Donald J. Trump's January executive order banning travel to the U.S. from seven Muslim-majority countries. *Al-Mowafak et al. v. Trump et al.*, 3:17-cv-00557-WHO (N.D. Cal., filed Feb. 2, 2017).

Lauridsen, who drafted the complaint on behalf of three students barred from traveling under the order along with other parties, said the case went to the core of American values and was "one of those cases that you think about participating in when you're in law school."

More typically Lauridsen's practice has covered antitrust issues, intellectual property law and sports-related disputes. This has included significant work defending Major League Baseball, with notable success including defending MLB from charges of negligence for installing insufficient netting *Payne v. Major League Baseball et al.*, cv-3229 (N.D. Cal., filed Sept. 14, 2015) and from antitrust allegations as lead counsel in *Miranda v. Major League Baseball et al.*, 4:15-cv-03229 (N.D. Cal., filed July 13, 2015).

Lauridsen also said he relishes the continued challenge of courtroom action and working at the cutting edge of legal issues, crediting the mentorship he received at Kecker with giving him the opportunity to prove his skill in open court.

Working at that cutting edge, Lauridsen previously represented technology startup

## Adam Lauridsen



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**Practice:** Complex civil litigation

**Age:** 38

Pure Storage Inc. in a patent infringement case brought by industry titan EMC Corp., now Dell EMC, resulting in no damages against EMC's original claim of \$80 million. *EMC v. Pure Storage*, 1:13-cv-01985 (D. Del., filed Nov. 26, 2013).

Throughout his career and across different types of litigation, Lauridsen said he most enjoys finding novel ways to communicate legal ideas to judges, juries and witnesses. "I love my generalist practice," Lauridsen said. "It's all about communica-

tion," he added, "I'm excited to get anything that will get me in a courtroom and in front of a jury."

Outside of the courtroom, Lauridsen is the president of the board of directors of the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center in San Francisco and, dovetailing nicely with his sports practice, has been a credentialed Golden State Warriors fan blogger for the Bay Area News Group since 2006.

— Chase DiFelicianantonio