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Gordon Kaupp joined the Scott Law Firm on January 17, 2012. He had previously worked at the Law Office of Mark E. Merin litigating a wide range of civil rights lawsuits involving employment discrimination, wage and hour violations, and police and government misconduct. Gordon authored the appellate briefs for *Seymore v. Metson Marine, Inc.*, which resulted in a published decision reinforcing the protections of California's labor laws. He also acted as lead counsel in a five month trial in *People v. Broderick Boys*, a case challenging the imposition of a permanent gang injunction that significantly curtailed constitutional freedoms and stigmatized the largely Latino working class neighborhood of West Sacramento.



Gordon also worked at the Law Office of Dennis Cunningham, primarily litigating Section 1983 lawsuits against law enforcement officers for excessive force and other misconduct. He has also defended low-income families facing eviction, represented criminal defendants in trial court and on appeal, and represented prisoners in civil rights cases, at their parole suitability hearings, and on appeal challenging the denial of their parole.

Throughout his career Gordon has continually fought for justice and worked on high-profile cases. He was part of the trial team in the Pepper Spray case, *Headwaters Forest Defense v. County of Humboldt*, where (after three trials) a jury found it was unconstitutional for the police to use pepper spray on nonviolent protesters who engaged in civil disobedience. Gordon also worked on the Fajita-gate case, and was part of the Dennis Cunningham and John Scott trial team that won a verdict against notorious off-duty San Francisco police officer Alex Fagan for his part in a violent attack on Jade Santoro and Adam Snyder. In his work with the national Lawyers Guild, he has represented *pro bono* numerous street and university protestors who have engaged in civil disobedience in their pursuit of justice.

Gordon was admitted to the California Bar in 2003. Since then, he has been a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and has also served on its Executive Board and on its Demonstrations Committee.

Gordon received his juris doctorate from the City University of New York, Queens College School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore College.

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