

Education

Law School/Year: J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1998 College/Year: B.S. Industrial & Systems Engineering, University of Florida, 1984

Bar Admissions

California, Southern District

Practice Areas

Business Litigation, Civil Litigation, Construction, Corporate Business

Major Cases

Aggressive stance on "Independent Wholesale Sales Representatives Contractual Relations Act of 1990" resulted in a large settlement that exceeded the base economic damages being sought for client.

Successfully represented and defended numerous clients including general contractors, subcontractors, property owners, suppliers and distributors in a vast array of construction related disputes involving significant risk and damages.

Have consulted, negotiated and composed construction contracts with a combined total in excess of \$150 million, including being a member of the negotiation team for a developer negotiating a significant office building/infrastructure improvement agreement with a large Southern California city.

Professional Background

In nine years, I have established myself a worthy contender as a construction law attorney, partly due to my prior experience in the corporate business world. I started my career as an engineer with General Electric, eventually becoming the Area Manager for a division that worked with contractors involved in large commercial and public works projects.

Since becoming an attorney, my primary focus has been construction law and the unique issues faced by those in the construction industry. I am sought out specifically for complex and multi-party legal matters.

I regularly speak before construction trade organizations regarding contract interpretation and how to manage contract terms. I have been a seminar lecturer on construction contracts and regularly teach a contracts/contractor licensing law dass as part of an apprenticeship program curriculum.

Professional Affiliations

ABA — Sections: Construction, Litigation, Law Practice Management; San Diego County Bar Association — Construction section (former co-chair); American Inn of Court, Holmes Chapter — Associate (2001-2004), Barrister (2005-2006); National Electrical Contractors Association; Professional Engineer, state of Colorado

Personal Background

Most of my youth was spent in Huntsville, Ala., and Gainesville, Fla., where — as a daughter of an engineer — I was always expected to be a high achiever. While attending law school, I continued working full-time for an electrical distributor as a GE power distribution equipment specialist. I seek out and enjoy challenges and in doing so, I strive to excel. I enjoy motorcycles and as a recreational outlet, I have started riding my motorcycle in long distance endurance events, recently completing a coast-to-coast ride (San Diego to Jacksonville, Fla.) in just under 46 continuous hours.

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