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OVERVIEW

Patricia guides clients through a range of challenging product liability, premises liability and mass tort litigation.

Patricia has defended national and international clients, including Fortune 500 companies, in state and federal courts in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Illinois. She routinely represents manufacturers, retailers, and transportation companies in the automotive, convenience-retailing, consumer products, and industrial equipment industries. Patricia has experience guiding and defending clients through all phases of litigation, including trial, in matters involving:

- Product defect allegations
- Industrial accidents
- Catastrophic injury and wrongful death
- Premises liability
- Commercial litigation
- Employment matters
- Class actions (employment defense)
- Asbestos and talc claims

Patricia is an experienced trial attorney and litigator. Her practice focuses on commercial and product liability litigation. Additionally, Patricia defends clients in both individual plaintiff and class action employment litigation,

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Commercial Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Toxic Tort
Class Action Defense
Labor & Employment
Employment Litigation Defense
Employment Class & Collective Actions
Asbestos Litigation
Staffing, Recruiting, and Workforce Solutions

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including claims involving discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and wage and hour issues. Clients appreciate her broad courtroom experience and her ability to streamline litigation strategies and solutions.

Experience

- Acted as national and trial counsel for major asbestos-cement pipe supplier in complex asbestos cases.
- Defended major automobile manufacturer and leading brake manufacturer in all phases of asbestos litigation, from discovery through trial.
- Defended employers in single-plaintiff and class action employment litigation.
- Attained defense verdict for major automobile manufacturer in personal injury product liability action in Los Angeles County Superior Court.
- Obtained defense verdict for major automobile manufacturer in personal injury product liability action in Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers In America*®
    - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2027
- Southern California Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2012-2013
- Los Angeles Magazine, Top Women Attorneys, Southern California's Outstanding Young Women Lawyers, 2012-2013

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Education

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law
  - *Santa Clara Law Review*
- B.S., Santa Clara University
  - Political Science and English
  - Institute of European Studies, London, semester abroad

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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*Contact Patricia to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Los Angeles office.

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