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OVERVIEW

Rochelle draws on nearly 20 years of experience to defend clients in asbestos and other toxic tort litigation.

With a passion for advocating for others, Rochelle knew from early in her law school days that she wanted to serve as a litigator. When one of her first firm jobs focused on mass tort, she quickly discovered that she thrived on the practice area's emphasis on teamwork. Her ability to flourish in a fast-paced environment enabled her mastery of overseeing a myriad docket. Rochelle also loved the frequent opportunities toxic tort work presented for direct client contact, motion work and extensive deposition experience with both witnesses and experts.

While Rochelle also has broad experience in general product liability, pharmaceutical cases, talc, premises liability and other personal injury or wrongful death matters, she has long focused the majority of her practice on asbestos litigation. She remains passionate about discovery and trial strategies, often stepping into a case to assist in these areas.

Rochelle is known for her extensive experience in the asbestos field and in notoriously difficult jurisdictions, for her ability to get exactly the information a case needs in deposition, and for her knack for creative solutions: Rochelle sees each case as a unique set of facts that deserves its own approach and its own resolution strategy. She has built a reputation for great dedication to every case she works on, with a determination to achieve the best outcome possible for each client.

Industries

Technology
Manufacturing
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Complex Torts (CXT)
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

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Experience

- Developed and executed aggressive discovery strategies, acted as lead deposition counsel, drafted motions, prepared cases for trial, and negotiated settlements for cases in the areas of mass toxic tort, pharmaceutical, product liability, premise liability, personal injury and other general liability issues.
- Represented retailers, manufacturers, landlords, homeowners and insured drivers in all facets of civil litigation.
- Defended corporate clients sued in multi-million-dollar personal injury and wrongful death cases at the state and federal court levels.
- Represented manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and premises owners at every stage of products liability litigation, including trial work.

Education

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
    - *Hastings Women's Law Journal*
- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
    - History and Asian American Studies

Admissions

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

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Community Leadership

Rochelle serves on the executive board of the Parent Teacher Group at St. Joseph Elementary School, where her daughters are students. Her role includes overseeing board meetings, leading and supporting fellow board members, and organizing various school initiatives and fundraisers.

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*Contact Rochelle to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Oakland office.



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