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OVERVIEW

Rachel defends clients in high-stakes toxic tort matters, focusing on complex silica litigation while also handling asbestos and product liability cases. Their practice emphasizes careful case evaluation, efficiency, and creative solutions that resolve challenging claims and advance clients' goals.

Rachel manages every stage of a case—from pleadings and discovery to depositions, expert preparation, and pre-trial motions—while evaluating new claims, identifying overlaps, and developing approaches that allow most cases to resolve before trial. They approach their work with a big-picture perspective, analyzing patterns of exposure to craft successful narratives. Rachel also implements systems, templates, and processes to streamline workflow, track deadlines, and organize critical information, ensuring matters proceed smoothly.

They served as lead writer on motions that secured silica case coordination under a single judge, streamlining multi-party litigation, preventing inconsistent rulings, and ensuring a unified approach across related cases. Rachel continues to contribute to coordination strategy, collaborating with other defense counsel to maintain consistency and strategic alignment in complex matters.

Known for their thoroughness, strong research and writing skills, Rachel has taken on responsibilities uncommon at their stage of practice, including leading depositions, drafting dispositive motions, securing dismissals without

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Product Liability
Psychedelics & Emerging Therapies
Toxic Tort

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prejudice, and assisting with trial preparation. They are also a trusted mentor, supporting colleagues and fostering collaboration, which strengthens the team's effectiveness.

Clients value Rachel's analytical skills, thoughtful approach, and ability to distill complex concepts into clear, practical guidance. These strengths were honed through teaching, advocacy, and appellate experiences. Rachel's work as an ESL tutor and teacher developed their ability to identify problems and create tailored solutions—a talent they now bring to complex legal matters. Their passion for teaching continued in law school, where they served as a writing teaching assistant and co-chaired the moot court team. Participation in moot court, including two competitions and later coaching, further strengthened their advocacy skills. Rachel also gained hands-on appellate experience through work before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit as part of the Appellate Project, and an externship with the California Supreme Court, where they researched civil and criminal cases and drafted memos and recommendations. Genuinely curious and deliberate, Rachel applies these skills to problem-solving, advocacy, and strategic case management.

Recognition

- Northern California Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2026

Education

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
  - *Hasting Environmental Law Journal*, Senior Production Editor
  - UC Hastings Moot Court, Co-Chair
  - UC Hastings Individual Representation Clinic
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Legal Research and Writing II, 2021; Legal Research and Writing I, 2020
  - Witkin Award, Legal Research and Writing II, 2021
  - Best Oral Advocate, Legal Research and Writing II, 2021
  - Honorable Mention for Brief, Legal Research and Writing II, 2021
- B.A., University of California, Davis

Admissions

- California

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Community Leadership

Rachel is a Peace Corps veteran who served in Thailand. They loved having the opportunity to immerse themselves in a new language and culture, and the experience made them more adaptable.

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