

# **ELIZABETH L. HUYNH**

Partner



**Elizabeth (Liz) L. Huynh** is a seasoned litigator whose practice includes the vigorous defense of insurance bad faith claims, employers in a wide range of employment matters, business owners in general liability and business disputes, and product liability claims.

She has been in practice for over 15 years and has defended an array of clients, including, but not limited to Fortune 100 companies, insurance carriers, financial institutions, government contractors, developers, and automotive makers and dealerships.

Liz is well-versed in all phases of litigation and has enjoyed great success in securing favorable trial results, dismissals, summary judgments, costs awards, and beneficial settlements for the firm's clients. Due to her excellent analytical skills, as well as her ability to apply her litigation experience across different and new subject matter, she is often called on to handle special projects. Such assignments have included trial strategy and trial monitoring assignments for large risk cases.

Liz started her legal career by serving as a deputy district attorney. There, she was recognized for her jury trial record for taking the most cases to verdict during a designated time period.

## **REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESSES**

- Custom Home Theater and Technology Company v. Consultant Secured a dismissal with prejudice for Consultant client after a month long trial in which the plaintiff alleged and sought \$6M+ in purported damages for claimed fraud, defamation, breach of contract, interference with contract, and unfair competition claims. Discovery in the case involved complicated e-discovery and tax issues.
- Vaughn v. Insurance Company Secured a dismissal in a federal case after filing a summary judgment motion arguing the subject insurance policy's exclusions firmly applied, which left Plaintiff with no grounds to oppose the motion.
- Employee v. Large Financial Institution Obtained summary judgment in a contentious alleged discrimination and wrongful termination case for an esteemed client, a large financial institution. Notably, the claimant's counsel was an award-winning litigator, whose prior successes included an eight-figure award against a large retailer.
- *Employee v. Large Financial Institution* Obtained summary judgment in an arbitration proceeding for a large financial institution in an alleged interference with family medical leave rights, retaliation, discrimination, and wrongful termination case. The claimant alleged age and medical condition discrimination and that she was subjected to a retaliatory termination when her employment was terminated days before beginning a medical leave. We elicited favorable deposition testimony from the claimant establishing that she was terminated as a result of interfering with a pending sexual harassment investigation, and the arbitrator ultimately granted summary judgment in favor of our client on the grounds that the claimant lacked evidence to prove her termination was motivated by a discriminatory or retaliatory animus.
- LaMonica v. Consumer Products Company Secured a defense verdict for a worldwide consumer products company in a personal injury mesothelioma case

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#### **Areas of Practice**

- Employment
- Insurance Bad Faith and Fraud Defense
- Business, Commercial and Real Estate
- General Liability and Casualty
- Product Liability

## **Education**

- Southwestern Law School, J.D.
- University of California, Irvine, B.A.

## Admissions

- California
- United States District Court, Central and Southern Districts of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, MDL 875 (Pro Hac Vice)

claiming exposure from a personal care product allegedly contaminated with asbestos and asbestos-containing joint compound products used on the job. After more than three months of trial, the jury returned a resounding 12-0 decision for our client.

- *Kiener vs. Alfa Laval, Inc. et al* Secured a summary judgment for a trailer manufacturer client against dual plaintiffs, who were each claiming injuries from component parts purportedly affixed to client's equipment.
- Ball vs. Astra Flooring Company, et al Secured a summary judgment for a decking contractor client by dismantling the plaintiffs' theory that client bears liability under an "Enterprise Theory of Liability."
- *Smith vs. Arnott Bennis, Inc., et al* Secured a summary judgment for a premises/contractor client by establishing that the client owed the plaintiff no duty to warn based on the factual circumstances of the case.
- Hill vs. Ameron International Corporation, et al Successfully moved to strike prior deposition testimony that formed the crux of plaintiffs' claims against a component part supplier client, leading to the client's dismissal.
- Handley vs. Alfa Laval, Inc. et al Secured one of the first summary judgments that was ever granted in Los Angeles County under a non-original parts/replacement parts defense pursuant to the seminal case of Taylor vs. Elliott Turbomachinery Company. Liz represented an equipment manufacturer, who was in the midst of trial in that instance.

#### **INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT**

#### **Professional Affiliations**

• Member, California Minority Counsel Program

#### **Speaking Engagements**

- "Trial Evidence: Getting it In and Keeping it Out"
- "Talc Talk: A Sprinkle A Day Won't Keep Litigation Away"

### **BEYOND THE OFFICE**

Elizabeth was born and raised in Southern California and loves to spend time with her husband and their dog. She also enjoys interior design, container gardening, spinning, and practicing pilates and yoga.

#### **NEWS**

- Walsworth Publishes California Employment Law Update for 2023
- Walsworth Client Granted Motion for Summary Judgment in Complex Employment Case
- Walsworth Attorneys Leverage Case Through Closing Arguments to Obtain Dismissals for Firm Clients
- Walsworth Partners Obtain Summary Judgment for Large Financial Institution in Contentious Employment Case
- Walsworth Attorneys Obtain Summary Judgment on Behalf of Product Manufacturer in Toxic Tort Case
- Walsworth Honored at OCWLA Gala for Advancement of Women Award
- Walsworth Announces 2019 Partner Class

- Walsworth Partners Elizabeth Huynh, Soniya Khemlani and Jessica Kim to Attend the CMCP Ambassadors Reception
- Walsworth Partners Attend the NAMWOLF 2018 Business Meeting
- Meet the Team Q&A: Elizabeth Huynh
- Walsworth Announces 2017 Partner Class