



Jennifer Morin is a partner at Walsworth and leads the firm's labor and employment practice group.

She concentrates her practice in all aspects of employment, general liability, including, premises liability, product liability, contracts, construction law, complex litigation, and personal injury matters. She represents a wide variety of clients, including local and national property owners, businesses, retailers, manufacturers and property managers. Jennifer handles and supervises all aspect of trial and trial preparation, including the development and implementation of litigation strategies, defense theories, expert strategies, and resolution plans. She has successfully resolved of numerous cases, including single-plaintiff, class actions, and cases filed under the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA), through dispositive motions, mediations, settlement conferences, and is an integral part of the trial team representing her clients. Jennifer also has experience in federal litigation and is admitted in all California Federal District Courts.

#### REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESSES

- **Arbor Terrace v. Saddleback** – Mixed verdict in a problematic waterproofing remediation case in which the plaintiff claimed breach of contract and negligence in the completion of large scale waterproofing of a low income apartment complex in San Diego. Defense verdict on breach of contract cause of action and client found only 65% at fault on negligence cause of action with an award less than 40% of plaintiff's claimed damages.
- **Woods v. Property Owner & Property Manager** – Successfully resolved premises liability action in which defendants had complete liability and plaintiff had no comparative fault resulting from an accident in which a light pole fell over and hit plaintiff on the head while she sat on a bench. Plaintiff claimed traumatic brain injuries and final settlement was only 30% of total demand.
- **Vournazos v. Club Car** – Successfully settled case for less than ten percent of demand in which plaintiff argued that he suffered severe and ongoing injuries as a result of a rollover accident while operating a golf cart.
- **Navamar v. Property Owner** – Represented the property owner and property manager of a large commercial and retail center in Los Angeles in a case where a courier slipped on water in the lobby, suffering a severe break of his leg. Plaintiff argued that there were insufficient inspections of the premises. Successfully settled for a nuisance value.
- **Konkol v. Oakwood Worldwide** – Represented property owner of apartment complex in case where tenant claimed significant and debilitating illnesses allegedly from exposure to chemicals and pesticides used in and around the apartment complex by the owner and property manager. Obtained dismissal of the matter twice, once in Federal Court and again when plaintiff re-filed in State Court, through successful demurrers to plaintiff's complaints.
- **Green v. Property Owner** – Represented the property owner of a large commercial and retail center in Los Angeles in a case where a disabled woman in a wheelchair fell and broke her neck on the premises. Compliance with building codes and a prior accident at the same location were at issue. Successfully secured a settlement for a

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#### Areas of Practice

- Construction
- General Liability and Casualty
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Employment

#### Education

- Whittier Law School, J.D.
- University of Northern Colorado, B.S.

#### Admissions

- California
- United States District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern Districts of California

fraction of the 7-figure demand.

- **Cox v. City of San Diego** – Successfully represented the City of San Diego in a case where the plaintiff fell down the stairs at the San Diego Museum of Art, a 100-year old building with no handrails and an optical illusion camouflaging the stairs. We settled for a fraction of the demand.
- **Thomas v. Tovey Construction** – Plaintiff verdict in a construction accident case where the plaintiff fell down an elevator shaft. The net verdict was \$600,000 below the final pre-trial demand. In addition, the general contractor client obtained full contractual indemnification from the primarily negligent subcontractor co-defendant.
- Secured a final binding arbitration award in an employment matter dismissing plaintiffs' case in its entirety for failure to prosecute. Produced records established that defense counsel made at least nine requests for the Notice of Claim before filing defendant's motion to dismiss.

## INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

### Professional Affiliations:

- Orange County Bar Association

### Speaking Engagements:

- "Pandemic Litigation Bootcamp: The Ins and Outs of Living Room Litigation"
- "Multi-State Construction Defect Law Review"

## BEYOND THE OFFICE

Prior to becoming an attorney Jennifer was a technical trainer for large networking companies like HP, Intel, Microsoft, and Cisco. She also drove a semi-truck around the country, loaded with computer equipment and taught classes in almost every state in the nation. Yes, she was a truck driver!

In high school Jennifer started and ran a program at a local high school collecting, distributing, and setting up computers for students without home access to computers. Jennifer religiously plays six-man volleyball every week and is an avid skier. She enjoys spending time with her family at the beach.

## NEWS

- Walsworth Publishes 2023 Year-End California Employment Law Update
- Subcontractor's Injuries in the Workplace – The Importance of the *Privette* Doctrine
- Walsworth Announces 2020 Partner Class
- Walsworth Attorneys Secure Final Binding Arbitration Award in an Employment Matter
- Walsworth Partner Nick Cipiti and Senior Associate Jennifer Morin to Present on "Multi-State Construction Defect Law Review"
- Walsworth Demurrer Ends Premises Liability Case