



Gabriel Jackson is a nationally recognized litigator who focuses on complex products liability litigation. She was first involved in toxic tort cases when she began representing an asbestos product manufacturer, Eagle-Picher. Later, she was asked to supervise their Northern California defense efforts in over 4,000 cases pending in the Bay Area and in counties north to the Oregon border. This involved discovery management, expert and fact witness development, pretrial preparation and trials.

In 1985, she joined the San Francisco office of Bingham McCutchen where she was a member of the Products/Tort Group, defending complex toxic tort cases. In addition to defending GAF in asbestos cases, Gaby handled defective residential piping litigation for the Hoescht-Celanese Corporation, first as local counsel and then as part of the National Coordinating Counsel team. During this time, she was also regional punitive damages counsel for Eagle-Picher in nine Western states where she oversaw all briefing and witness preparation in any cases where punitive damages were alleged.

After establishing her own firm in 1988, Gaby continued to represent asbestos defendants throughout California. In 1991 she assumed the role of California counsel for a wire and cable manufacturer and later that year became their National Coordinating Counsel overseeing the defense of all cases nationwide which had reached over 100,000 in number. Her duties included implementing strategies tailored to each jurisdiction's unique legal climate and working closely with a network of counsel in developing expert and fact witnesses and co-chairing trials. She was the first California attorney to be named national counsel in the asbestos litigation. In 1997 she became National Coordinating Counsel to a dry wall manufacturer for their asbestos litigation in California, Washington and Oregon. In 1998 she assumed the defense of a building products manufacturer in a property damage case in Hawaii where the State of Hawaii was prosecuting four building products manufacturers for abatement and removal of products utilized in thousands of the state's public buildings and housing projects.

Gaby is currently the National Coordinating Counsel to an electrical component and fixture manufacturer, a power generation manufacturer and a food product manufacturer and she currently coordinates their defense efforts in over ten jurisdictions.

Gaby has tried ten complex multi-party cases to verdict in California, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. She was appointed Judge Pro Tem by former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and she presided over citizens' claims against the Municipal Transit Authority. She has also served as an expert consultant and witness in legal malpractice and complex insurance coverage matters.

Gaby has received the Martindale Hubbell "AV" rating from her peers and the judiciary from 1991 to the present. *San Francisco Magazine* has named her a Northern California Super Lawyer each year since 2004, among the "Top Attorneys in Northern California" since 2012, and a "Top Women Attorneys in Northern California" since 2015. In 2015 she was also named to the list of "Best Attorneys in America" and "America's Most Honored Professionals." She has also been nominated to the *Who's Who* professional listing. In 2001 she was given the Award of Merit by the Legal Marketing Association and she is a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America. In 2008, she was named a "Woman of the Year" by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco for her community service, volunteer work and leadership in the non-profit sector. In 2007 she was named Sustainer of the Year by the Junior League of San Francisco.

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Areas of Practice

- Asbestos Litigation
- Toxic Tort Law
- Product Liability

Education

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, J.D.
- University of San Francisco, M.A.
- University of California at Davis, B.A.

Admissions

- California
- United States District Court, Eastern, Southern and Central Districts of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States Supreme Court

Gaby has lectured frequently and has been on the faculty at conferences presented by the Defense Research Institute, HarrisMartin Publications, the University of San Francisco School of Law, Andrews Continuing Education Institute, Mealey's Publications, Queen's Bench, the Bar Association of San Francisco, The Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada and the Institute for International Legal Studies in Austria. She was also commencement speaker at her alma mater, the Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco. She recently gave the keynote address at the installation of a chapter of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, at the University of San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESSES

- *Fernando Jauregui v. Valley Crest Tree Company* – Obtained a defense verdict after a five-week jury trial after less than two hours of deliberations in a living mesothelioma case with a 27-year old plaintiff. Tried the case just six weeks before trial commenced, assembling the experts and defense strategy from scratch. The plaintiff's demand during trial was in the eight figures.
- Negotiated the dismissal of over 90,000 cases pending nationally.
- Nine Consolidated Lung Cancer Cases – Obtained a complete defense verdict on the medicine in all nine cases after a two month-long trial in this reverse bifurcated case in Philadelphia.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- San Francisco Bar Association
- Irish American Bar Association
- California Women Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada
- Queen's Bench
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Gaby is married and the mother of three Millennials! She is a proud fourth generation San Franciscan, a dedicated Bay Area sports teams fan who has also attended six Olympic Games across the globe.

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Gaby is also a committed community volunteer and has worked in fundraising for the non-profit sector for over 25 years. She currently sits on the board of a non-profit organization in the Bay Area. Her volunteer focus has been on mentoring college-age women, volunteer promotion and training, grant-writing and autism awareness.

NEWS

- Walsworth Expands San Francisco Office with the Addition of Three New Partners