



Marlene Flores is an experienced litigator focused on bad faith, business, commercial, and real estate matters, general liability, and premises liability. She handles all aspects of pre-trial litigation including initial evaluation and pleadings, discovery, depositions, and law and motion.

Marlene comes to Walsworth with experience defending a Fortune 15 corporation where she focused heavily on reputation management and the client's holistic case management goals. She also has experience in general and premises liability, as well as business and real estate litigation where she provided her clients with full-service representation. Through this work she handled all aspects of case management, including initial review and case strategy, law and motion advice and work product, court and mediation appearances, client and expert preparation to take and defend depositions, and pre-trial preparation. Marlene also provided strategic direction to clients' upper management and risk management teams on litigation and strategies.

REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESSES

- **Perez v. General Motors LLC** – Obtained dismissal of fraud-based causes of action based upon testimony Marlene elicited from the Plaintiffs and upon the motion for summary adjudication she filed and argued.
- **Former Client Plaintiff vs. Former Attorney, Professional Liability** – Successfully negotiated settlement on behalf of professional liability defense client that required plaintiff to pay client.
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- Obtained a judgment of dismissal for a large insurance company in a bad faith case after the client's demurrer to the plaintiff's complaint was sustained without leave to amend—a rare win early in litigation given the strict rules for demurrers. The action was barred by the doctrine of res judicata, as the insured had already filed a small claims action for the same loss, which resulted in a minimal judgment in her favor. The plaintiff's case was contractually time-barred because she failed to file the complaint within one year of the date of loss as specifically required by the insurance policy.

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Marlene was a Note & Comment Editor of the *Loyola Law School Entertainment Law Review*, as well as a Hobbs District Attorney Fellow during law school. Her passion for in-court advocacy led to a post-graduate fellowship with the American Board of Trial Attorneys ("ABOTA"), a program only 14 of the state's top law students with exceptional trial attorney potential are invited to join each year.

When not working, you are likely to find Marlene outside with her pups and fiancé. Whether she is camping, hiking, boating, road tripping, skiing, swimming, channeling her inner yogi, or simply lounging around, Marlene will find a way to get outside, no matter the season!

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Areas of Practice

- General Liability and Casualty
- Insurance Bad Faith and Fraud Defense

Education

- Loyola Law School, J.D.
- California State University, Fullerton, B.A. *cum laude*

Admissions

- California
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Women's Lawyers' Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

NEWS

- Judgement Of Dismissal for Large Insurance Company
- The Court's Ruling in Hedayati v. Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club Serves as a Stark Reminder to Insurers and their Counsel to Promptly Review and Communicate All Policy Limits, Settlement Demands, and to Seek Summary Adjudication, in Addition to Summary Judgment, where Plaintiffs Identify Numerous Theories of Liability