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LEGAL SERVICES

Contract & Commercial Disputes	Insurance Recovery
Corporate & Business Owner Disputes	Appeals
Products Liability & Complex Torts	Government Solutions

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2004
Order of the Coif
Editor-in-Chief, Oregon Law Review
B.A., University of Washington, 2000
Certificate of Mandarin Studies, Nanjing University, 1999

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar
Washington State Bar Association
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington
U.S. Supreme Court

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America

2022, Commercial Litigation
2022, Litigation - Insurance
2022, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Chambers USA: America's

Leading Lawyers

2021, Litigation: General Commercial Law

Super Lawyers

2017-2021 Super Lawyer – Business Litigation
2013-2016, Oregon Rising Star – Business Litigation

Portland Business Journal

2017 Forty Under 40

Daily Journal of Commerce

2012, "Up & Coming Lawyer"
Portland, Oregon

As Co-Chair of Tonkon Torp's Litigation Department, Anna has a wide-ranging commercial litigation practice including disputes between business owners, consumer protection matters, and complex tort cases. In her 15 years of practice, Anna has tried more than a dozen jury trials to verdict in state and federal court and has resolved dozens more short of trial, through motions practice or settlement. Anna also regularly counsels clients facing closely-held business disputes prior to litigation.

In addition to her litigation practice, Anna is an active member of the community. She currently serves on the board of directors of Oregon Humanities and previously sat on the boards of Emerge Oregon, Northwest Professional Dance Project, and Photolucida. She sits on the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Bar Litigation Section. From 2019 to 2021, Anna served as a Commissioner on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. Anna also regularly handles pro bono matters on behalf of clients in need.

In 2020, Anna was inducted as a Fellow in the International Society of Barristers, an honor society that maintains a worldwide membership of less than 750 trial lawyers deemed by their peers and judges to be "outstanding in the field of advocacy." The Portland Business Journal named Anna as one of its 2017 Forty Under 40 award recipients, recognizing influential business and community leaders in the greater Portland area who are under 40 years old. Anna has been listed by Super Lawyers in business litigation since 2013.

Prior to joining the firm, Anna was a law clerk for The Honorable Alfred T. Goodwin, on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Representative Matters

Favorably resolved a dispute over the value of a former executive's minority shares in the company following a squeeze-out merger.

Representing multiple national companies in consumer protection matters, including claims under the Oregon Unfair Trade Practices Act and Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act claims.

Serving as lead trial counsel in more than a dozen state and federal trials.

Obtaining a defense verdict as trial counsel for a large public company following a seven-week jury trial relating to insurance coverage for liability for environmental contamination at three superfund sites, including the Portland Harbor, and over 1,200 asbestos claims.

Prevailing in a jury trial involving breach of contract and statutory claims brought on behalf of a financial company, securing a multi-million-dollar judgment for her client.

Multnomah Bar Association
2007, Pro Bono Award of Merit

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Gus J. Solomon Inn of Court
International Society of Barristers
Multnomah Bar Association
Oregon Association of Defense Counsel
Oregon Women Lawyers

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Oregon Humanities
Board Member

Oregon Law Center and Legal Aid Services of Oregon
Pro Bono Volunteer

Oregon State Bar Litigation Section
Executive Committee Member

Oregon State Bar Litigation Journal
Editorial Board

Photolucida
Advisory Board Member

OSB Committee on Federal Practice & Procedure
Past Chair of the Pro Bono Subcommittee
Member

Oregon Government Ethics Commission
2019-2021, Commissioner

Emerge Oregon
Past Board Member

Business for Culture and the Arts
Art of Leadership Program 2011

Northwest Dance Project
Past Board Member

Prevailing in an appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals involving Fair Credit Billing Act and Unlawful Debt Collection Practices Act claims.

Securing a large judgment on behalf of a group of investors in a fraud and breach of fiduciary duties case, leading to eventual federal criminal charges against the defendant.

Presentations & Publications

“Depositions,” Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, February 2021

“Appellate Considerations for Trial Counsel,”
Litigation Journal, Fall 2020

Moderator, “Tools to Survive the COVID-19 Economy: CARES Act SBA Loans, Employment Laws, and Corporate Issues,” April 2020

“Closely Held Business Disputes from the Practitioner’s Perspective,” OSB Business Litigation Section, March 2019

Successfully defending a food-and-beverage business in a jury trial involving breach of contract and fraud claims, resulting in an award of attorney fees to her client.

“Best Practices in Crafting and Defending Buy-Sell Provisions,” OSB Business Law Section, June 2018

“An Underused Defense Tool?: Special Motions to Strike,” Litigation Journal, 2011

Co-Author, “Relevant Background Evidence” is Swallowing Rule: Applying FRE 404 in Discrimination Cases, Litigation Journal, 2006

“Rebutting the Parental Presumption in Oregon,”
82 OR. L. Rev. 1191, 2003

