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Christine E. Coverdale is a Senior Attorney at Nicolson Law Group and is an experienced civil litigator and trial lawyer. Christine has practiced law for over 16 years and is licensed and admitted to practice in all State and Federal Courts in California.

Over the course of her career, Christine acquired significant experience litigating and trying media, entertainment, business and intellectual property disputes in the motion picture, music publishing, gaming, advertising, sports, and technology arenas. As the intellectual property landscape changed, so did the nature of Christine’s litigation experience, leading her to branch out into representing partnerships, corporations, and entrepreneurs in a wide variety of complex commercial, business, and real estate litigation, including disputes involving claims for breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, construction defect, regulatory and statutory compliance, unfair competition and business torts, negligence, property law, insurance defense, securities fraud, and minority shareholder claims and corporate derivative actions.

Perhaps it’s Christine’s prior experience in the IT industry that gives Christine an edge over many other lawyers. She worked first as a programmer, then as a systems and financial analyst. Although the technology has changed since Christine’s early days in IT and finance, her real-world experience gives her a very unique and analytical perspective and insight into her clients’ litigation matters, and enables her to offer a blend of legal experience and business strategy to complement her management of the client’s case.

Christine brings a well-balanced perspective to all of her legal pursuits, having found herself on both sides of the table in various criminal and civil cases. Christine’s approach, regardless of the subject matter, remains the same: she provides the client with steadfast advocacy and authentic analysis of the claims and defenses; consistently advises the clients as to the costs and benefits of litigation; negotiates professionally and in good faith; and above all else, ethically represents her clients’ interests from onset to resolution.

Christine attended Whittier College School of Law, graduating in December, 1997. Christine received her Bachelor of Arts in French and English Composition from Rutgers University in 1987. Christine is a member of numerous organizations including the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Red Cross and the Global Fund for Women.

Membership

NAMWOLF (National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms)

Admissions

California

Education

Whittier College School of Law

Rutgers University

Relevant Experience

- Represented a homeowner who shot an intruder in her home who was later sued by the intruder for personal injury.
- Representation of property management companies in litigation for numerous matters including discrimination and negligence.
- Representation of homebuilders and general contractors in residential and commercial construction defect litigation.
- Representation of parties unlawful detainer actions.
- Representation of software developer for claims arising out of fraud and breach of contract.
- Representation of artists and producers pertaining to various claims such as fraud, non-disclosure and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Representation of corporate entities and individuals in real property disputes.
- Represented corporations and individuals in arbitration and county department/commission proceedings.
- Representation of individual insureds in personal injury cases.
- Representation of minors as Guardian Ad Litem in personal injury cases.
- Representation of corporate entities and individuals in workmanship claims.
- Represented corporations and individuals in bankruptcy proceedings pertaining to fraud claims.
- Represented parties in construction negligence cases based upon contractors' and subcontractors' failure to abide by appropriate building standards and ordinances resulting in significant property damage.
- Assisted and counseled clients with intellectual property issues related to trademarks, copyrights, and patents.
- Representation of property owners in fraud and securities litigation where the property owners were sold property which did not exist.
- Represented parties in patent, copyright and trademark infringement actions.
- Represented entities in commercial building construction litigation.
- Assisted and counseled clients with regard to corporate and partnership infrastructure and liabilities.
- Representation of international manufacture of home products in product litigation.
- Defended against multiple subrogation actions for property damage arising out of motor vehicle accidents.
- Defended parties in boundary and easement property dispute litigation.
- Representation of business partner in a marijuana dispensary in action asserting breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty following the other partner's breach of the partners' operating agreements.
- Representation of property management companies and real estate owners in habitability actions.
- Extensive experience with European contracts and international export/import regulations.
- Represented band members in name disputes and breach of contract litigation.
- Representation of corporate entities in statutory and regulatory compliance disputes.
- Representation of corporate entities and individuals in construction lien litigation.

Representative Matters

- Lead trial and appellate counsel in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, *Kassbaum v. Steppenwolf Productions, Inc.*, 236 F.3d 487 (2000).
- Dismissal of an entire action for client plus significant attorney's fees and costs award after the filing of a successful Motion to Dismiss the Superior Court for lack of jurisdiction and transfer to the Los Angeles County Labor Commission.

- Obtained a multi-million dollar judgment against a former manager of a musical group for fraud and intentional misrepresentation.
- Obtained summary judgment based upon the defendants' destruction of evidence during the course of litigation, including a significant monetary award, attorneys' fees, sanctions and costs.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment against defendants for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and intentional misrepresentation in U.S. District Court.
- Obtained significant settlement award for plaintiff in a real property damages case involving substantial damage as a result of the defendants' negligence during the construction of a condominium complex.
- Successfully reached multiple high value settlements against a wide range of defendants for copyright and trademark infringement.
- Obtained permanent injunctions and costs against a wide variety of defendants for their failure to abide by court orders and settlements.
- Successfully obtained numerous motions for relief from automatic stay in U.S. Bankruptcy Courts.
- Successfully obtained a jury award for parties involved in an international breach of fiduciary duty and patent infringement case.
- Obtained a significant settlement for minority shareholders in a complex fraud and breach of fiduciary action.

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