

“we don’t focus on problems,
we focus on solutions.”

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Melissa Barcena is a civil litigator with experience in all stages of litigation from inception through trial. Ms. Barcena’s practice focuses on products liability, premises liability, commercial motor vehicle, personal injury, real property disputes, construction defect, and regulatory compliance. Ms. Barcena has experience representing individuals and companies both small and large.

Ms. Barcena graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2013. While there, she was on the Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Law. While on the Journal her article, End of An Imitation Age: The Effect of Samsung v. Apple, was published. Prior to that, Ms. Barcena graduated magna cum laude from The Ohio State University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Ms. Barcena is a member of the State Bar of California and is admitted to practice before all California State Courts and before the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Relevant Experience

- Representation of construction companies in catastrophic personal injury litigation.
- Representation of products and automobile manufacturers in products liability litigation.
- Representation of construction companies in construction defect litigation.
- Representation of property management companies and property owners in litigation.
- Representation of businesses and individuals in the drafting of contracts.
- Representation of individual insureds in automobile actions.

Representative Matters

- Defended retail client against premises liability claim arising out of customer’s fall in retail store. Following extensive discovery, successfully obtained a summary judgment in favor of the Defendant retailer.
- Defended defendant parking lot owner against a claim of premises liability/negligence. The day before oral argument on Motion for Summary Judgment, Plaintiff settled for nuisance value.
- Defended property management company against a suit by tenants following a fire at an apartment complex. Obtained summary judgment in favor of the property management company.

Membership

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

Admissions

California State Courts

United States District Court for the Central District of California