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## **Summary of Qualifications**

For over twenty-five years, Kathleen has defended lawyers and law firms in actions throughout California for legal malpractice, malicious prosecution, defamation, and in disciplinary proceedings and related matters. The State Bar of California certified Kathleen as a Legal Malpractice Specialist and she served as Chair of the State Bar Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Committee until October 2016. Kathleen has represented over 150 judges in matters before the California Commission on Judicial Performance. Further, she defends employers facing harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination claims.

Kathleen is an experienced trial lawyer and a recognized authority on lawyers' and judges' professional liability. She has been named a "Northern California Super Lawyer" in Professional Liability Defense every year since 2006 and one of the Best Lawyers in America since 2010. Kathleen has chaired the Legal Malpractice Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco and co-chaired various ABA committees relating to lawyers' professional liability and litigation.

Kathleen's litigation and trial experience combined with her strategic sensibility make her an excellent advocate at mediation, arbitration and trial.

## **Academics, Admissions & Professional Recognition**

### *Academics*

- University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California, J.D. 1991
- University of California, Davis, California, B.A., International Relations/Economics, 1984

### *Admissions*

- Member of the California Bar
- Admitted in numerous U.S. District Courts, 9th Circuit and the Supreme Court

### *Honors & Awards*

- "Northern California Super Lawyer" in Professional Liability Defense, Law & Politics Magazine, 2006-present
- "Best Lawyers in America" (2010 through 2012 editions) practicing in the Legal Malpractice Specialty

## Professional and Civic Involvement

### *Professional Affiliations*

- State Bar of California
- Certified Legal Specialist–Legal Malpractice Law
- Chair of the State Bar’s Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission
- Chair: Legal Malpractice Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco, California (2009-2010)
- Co-Chair: Electronic Communications Policy Committee, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association (2006-2009)
- Member: Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, American Bar Association (2003-2006), Liaison (2006-2007)
- Co-Chair: Professional Liability Litigation Committee, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association (2002-2006)
- Editor: Professional Liability Litigation Alert newsletter and electronic eAlert bulletin, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association (2002-2006); electronic eAdvisory, bulletin, Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, American Bar Association (2003-2006)

### *Program Chair*

- Conference chair, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, Fall 2014 National Legal Malpractice Conference
- Program chair, “Cognitive Decline: Assessing and Assuring Professional Competence in Lawyer Clients and Partners,” ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability Fall 2014 Conference
- Conference chair, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, Fall 2011 National Legal Malpractice Conference
- Program chair, “Same Sex, Same Rights?” presented at the ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California in August 2007
- Program chair and panelist, “Assault On the Attorney-Client Privilege: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know” presented at the ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2005 and at the ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 2006
- Program chair, “Bias In the Courtroom” presented at the ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, April 2006
- “The Blame Game: Attorneys and Accountants In the Crosshairs” presented at the ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, April 2004 and at the ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, San Francisco, California, September 2004
- Conference chair, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, Fall 2004 National Legal Malpractice Conference
- “Trying the Case-Within-A Case” presented at the ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, Miami Florida, April 2004

- “Diversity in the Courtroom” presented at the ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, August 2003
- “Negotiating for Litigators” presented at the ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, August 2003
- “Trial By Hurry: Making Every Minute Count” presented at the ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, April 2003

#### *Civic Affiliations*

- Secretary, San Francisco Police Foundation

#### **Presentations**

- “View from the Bench: Winning Plays, Winning Ways,” moderator, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, Fall 2014, National Legal Malpractice Conference
- “*Living Through a Formal Commission on Judicial Performance Proceeding*,” presented for the Supervising Judges Institute/Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER) on March 20, 2014
- “*CJP Survival Guide*,” Alliance of California Judges’ Conference, March 2014
- “*Commission on Judicial Performance: What Every Judge Needs to Know*,” Alliance of California Judges’ Conference, March 2012
- “*Risk Management: Ethical and Professional Liability Issues that Confront Family Lawyers*,” American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Meeting, May 2011
- “*Case Law Developments*,” ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, April 2010
- “*Conflicts of Interest*,” *Voiding 3D (Disqualifications, Disgorgement and Discipline)*, Contra Costa County Bar Association, Litigation Section, November 20, 2009
- “*The At Risk Attorney: Strategies to Help Colleagues with Substance Abuse and/or Other Impairment; Protect Clients; and Manage Risk*,” presented for the Bar Association of San Francisco, January 2009
- “*Avoiding Attorney Liability to Non-Clients in the Transactional, Litigation and Estate Planning Settings*,” presented for Santa Clara County Bar Association, January 2002
- “*High Tech Risks/Low Tech Skills: We Are All Technology Lawyers Now*,” presented at ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2001
- “*When Malpractice in Handling a Settlement is Alleged*,” presented at ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, September 1998

#### **Publications**

- “Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2008-2011,” American Bar Association Standing Committee On Lawyers’ Professional Liability, published September 2012 (Report author)

- “Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2004-2007,” American Bar Association Standing Committee On Lawyers’ Professional Liability, published September 2008 (Report author)
- “Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims 2000-2003,” American Bar Association Standing Committee On Lawyers’ Professional Liability, published April 2005 (Report author)
- “Loss Prevention By The Numbers,” Professional Liability Litigation Alert, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, Spring 2003
- “Chipping Away at the Attorney-Client Privilege and the Attorney Work Product Doctrine,” Professional Liability Litigation Alert, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, Winter 2003
- “A Perspective on the Legal Malpractice Trial-Within-A-Trial,” American Bar Association Standing Committee On Lawyers’ Professional Liability, National Legal Malpractice Conference, Fall 1998
- Co-Author of “Steering A Safer Path: Lawyers’ Risk Management Guide and Tool Kit,” 1999.
- “Bolstering The Immunity Defense,” LPL Advisory, American Bar Association Standing Committee On Lawyers’ Professional Liability, Spring 1998