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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Asbestos Litigation
Class Action Litigation
Employment Litigation
National Trial Team
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Silica Litigation
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, JD, 2006
New York University, BA, 2001

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Pennsylvania
US District Court, Central District of California
US District Court, Eastern District of California
US District Court, Northern District of California
US District Court, Southern District of California
US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Overview

Carrie Lin has 20 years of experience in the defense of West Coast product liability and toxic tort actions, and has served as lead trial counsel, national counsel, and local counsel in cases from the point of inception through trial in California, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona. In addition to her extensive litigation and trial experience in product and premises liability claims involving asbestos, silica, and mold, she serves on the national coordinating and consulting teams for “emerging torts” involving property and bodily injury claims from PFOA, PFAS, PFOS and other PFCs, as well as microplastics. She has served as the lead author of appeals and writs to California's First District Court of Appeal, the California Supreme Court, and the Washington Supreme Court, resulting in multiple favorable published decisions.

Carrie has achieved significant trial and appellate successes defending manufacturers, suppliers, and other corporate defendants in complex product liability and toxic tort litigation. Her experience includes obtaining complete defense verdicts in both bench and jury trials, defeating multi-million dollar claims involving alleged product defects, asbestos exposure, cosmetic talc claims, and other product and premise-related injury allegations such as silica and mold. She has also secured dismissals on the eve of trial and successfully defended those outcomes on appeal, helping establish or reinforce important legal principles involving sophisticated user and intermediary defenses, product misuse, and expert witness qualifications. In addition to her trial work, Carrie has served as lead appellate counsel in matters involving evidentiary and privilege issues, including published appellate decisions affirming favorable rulings for her clients.

Carrie is a graduate of the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings). She earned her Bachelor of Arts from New York University in Comparative Literature in 2001. Carrie served as a law clerk to San Francisco Superior Court judges Ronald Quidachay and James Warren in the Civil Law and Motion Department. In law school, she served as a summer honors law clerk for the California Attorney General's Office, working in the field of Energy and Corporate Compliance, and externed with the Marin County Public Defender's Office and the San

Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Experience

+ Obtained a complete defense verdict in the bench trial of a California product liability case claiming bodily injury and property damage from alleged design defects in a Recreational Vehicle.
+ Obtained a complete defense verdict from a Los Angeles jury on behalf of a former supplier of asbestos cement pipe, against a multi-million dollar pre-trial demand. The verdict was subsequently upheld on appeal in a published decision affirming the use of California's affirmative defenses of sophisticated user, sophisticated intermediary, and product misuse in asbestos litigation.
+ Secured dismissal of case during jury selection for supplier of asbestos cement pipe in Los Angeles wrongful death action, after Plaintiffs made a multi-million dollar demand prior to trial.
+ Served as lead author at trial and appellate court levels of successful motion for summary judgment on behalf of a major manufacturer of cosmetic talc in asbestos litigation. Carrie successfully argued that Plaintiff's expert geologist was not qualified to opine that our client's talc was contaminated with asbestos, and that he did not employ proper statistical methods in arriving at his opinion. The First District Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's order dismissing the case in a published decision.
+ Served as national counsel and lead author of appeal defending trial court's exclusion of a client document on the basis of attorney-client privilege. The First District Court of Appeal affirmed.
+ Served as trial counsel in a Los Angeles mold exposure action, including briefing and arguing multiple evidentiary hearings challenging plaintiffs' causation experts and alleged scientific evidence.

Recognition

+ Lawyers of Color, Wonderful Women List, 2023
+ Thomson Reuters, *Super Lawyers Rising Star*, 2015–2016
+ AM Best Recommended Insurance Attorney

Involvement

+ Faculty Member, MG+M Trial Academy
+ MG+M Diversity & Inclusion Committee
+ California Bar Association
+ Asian American Bar Association (Bay Area Chapter)

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