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PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Construction
Design Professionals
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Silica Litigation
Talc Litigation
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business, Certificate in Women's Leadership, February 2020
Whittier Law School, JD, *cum laude*, 2000
University of California, Irvine, BA, Criminology, Law & Society, 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
US District Court, Southern District of California
US District Court, Central District of California
US District Court, Eastern District of California

Overview

Tina Van Dam is the partner in charge of MG+M's Irvine, California office. Tina has established herself as an accomplished and effective counselor in complex litigation matters related to asbestos, chemical and environmental toxins, as well as construction accident and defect claims, in addition to her everyday general liability practice.

As a leading practitioner in her field, Tina brings impressive expertise in case management and litigation strategy for both trial and resolution. Through the solid relationships she has cultivated with opposing counsel and a broad understanding of litigation trends across the United States, she is able to navigate negotiations quickly and effectively to reach settlements when appropriate.

Tina is recognized in the industry for representing a variety of clients with differing needs. This extensive range of clients includes consumer products and equipment manufacturers, premises owners, contractors, builders and supply houses. She serves as national coordinating counsel for both national and international companies in toxic tort and products liability litigation. Tina has extensive day-to-day management responsibility for asbestos and talc litigation in California and across the United States, overseeing litigation in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island and Texas, as well as many other states. Her responsibilities include developing expert witnesses and working with corporate representatives, as well as cross-docket discovery and bringing claims to a successful conclusion either by trial or settlement.

Tina was born and raised in South Africa. Tina graduated *cum laude* from Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, California. During law school, Tina was a member of the Moot Court Honors Board and competed nationally. She gained practical legal experience early on by interning for former Presiding Justice Sills at the Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three, and working as a Certified Law Student for two Southern California law firms. Tina is also a graduate of the University of California, Irvine (UCI), where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Law & Society. Most recently Tina received her Certificate in Women's

Leadership from The Paul Merage School of Business at UCI.

Despite not growing up in Southern California, Tina is well rooted in Orange County and lives in Laguna Hills with her husband, Dave, and their son, J.P.

Involvement

+ Orange County Bar Association
+ Orange County Women's Lawyers Association
+ Board Member, Art & Creativity for Healing (March 2020–present)
+ Board Member and SVUSD Parent Arts Advocate, ArtsOC (August 2020–present)

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