# Sarah F. Powers





## Senior Counsel

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#### Practice Focus

Litigation

#### Education

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., Hinton Moot Court

University of Southern California, B.A., with Honors, *Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa* 

#### Admitted

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

## **Representative Experience**

In over a decade of experience, Sarah has represented clients in a broad scope of litigation matters including complex commercial litigation, appellate litigation, financial services litigation, lender liability, landlord/tenant, insurance coverage, and automotive law. Her practice includes all aspects of trial and pre-trial litigation, including appeals, arbitration, and matters before administrative agencies.

Selected representative matters include:

- Successful arbitration against automotive dealer as to threshold issue that newly enacted California law did not affect dealer's obligations to manufacturer as set forth in existing contract. Judgment included all attorneys' fees.
- On behalf of lender, obtained receivership of \$50 million apartment/condominium project and successfully worked to remove dozens of mechanic's liens, facilitating eventual court-approved sale of property.
- In matter of first impression, won in Ninth Circuit on interpretation of terms of letter of credit, facilitating beneficiary's draw of entire amount.
- In matter of first impression, won in California Court of Appeal on behalf of primary insurer seeking participation by excess insurers in continuing injury asbestos matter.
- Negotiated settlement agreement facilitating sale of major Los Angeles sporting event.
- On behalf of lender, obtained receivership of multi-million dollar commercial property ultimately sold in court-approved sale, won on demurrer as to cross complaint brought by lender including multiple lender-liability causes of action, won on summary judgment as to lender's guaranty cause of action.

### Honors and Awards

Selected for inclusion in Southern California Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2013-2016

Selected for inclusion in *Southern California Top Women Attorneys, Rising Stars*, 2013-2016

## Professional Affiliations and Civic Involvement

Former Board Vice President, Mental Health Advocacy Services (Board Membership 2009-2019)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Member, Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles

Member, California Receivers' Forum