



MARISA JANINE-PAGE, *Partner* *Certified Appellate Specialist*

Ms. Janine-Page is a Certified Appellate Specialist by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Her practice is primarily civil appeals and writs, as well as advising on employment law matters, conducting internal investigations, and providing customized sexual harassment prevention training. Marisa has represented both plaintiffs and defendants as a trial

attorney, in cases involving complex business disputes, employment, securities, unfair business practices, class actions, and California Environmental Quality Act. Marisa uses her decades of trial and appellate experience and certified expertise in the appeal process to represent clients in appeals and advise trial attorneys on important appellate strategies leading up to, throughout, and post-trial.

Prior to college and her legal career, Marisa was a licensed investment advisor and fixed income securities trader. Marisa is an active member in the community, guest judging mock trial and moot court competitions at the high school, college, and law school levels, mentoring students interested in careers in the law, and sewing costumes for local high school thespians. In 2018, Marisa co-founded Josh's Smile~Beyond the Chair, a non-profit charity that gives "smiles" to terminally-ill, wheelchair-bound adults and educates the next generation to look beyond the wheelchair to see the person. Marisa led the Association of Business Trial Lawyers in partnering with the National Association of Women Judges on its Informed Voter Project, appearing on radio and in community forums to educate California voters of the importance of fair and free courts. In 2014, Marisa initiated and presided over San Diego's inaugural Bench and Bar Summit where San Diego's state, federal, and appellate judges as well as local Bar leaders gathered to discuss critical issues facing the Courts and legal community during the 2013-2014 sequestration. Marisa also served as a guardian *ad litem* advocate for abused children in California and North Carolina.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate
- Employment & Labor
- Internet Privacy
- Business Litigation

ACCOLADES

- San Diego Super Lawyers® (2012-2024)
- San Diego Magazine Top Lawyers (2016-2023)
- San Diego Magazine
Woman of the Year—Legal Industry Finalist (2020)
- San Diego Business Journal Best of the Bar
- American Association of Birth Centers—Professional Community Award

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley
B.A. Magna Cum Laude (1995)
- Duke University School of Law
J.D. (1998)

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AFFILIATIONS

- California State Bar
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court (CA)
Southern | Central | Eastern | Northern
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (CA)
Southern
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
Board of Governors (2006-2024)
Past President (2014)
- Duke University Alumni Assoc. Board
San Diego Chapter (2020-2024)
- San Diego Appellate Inn of Court
- California Lawyers Association
- San Diego Women Leaders



REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- § Appeal affirming trial court's denial of motion to compel arbitration under third party litigation exception.
- § Appeal affirming family court post-judgment ruling on community property characterization of assets.
- § Appeal vacating judgment and overturning demurrer in a CEQA matter challenging a public agency for failing to perform an EIR.
- § Appeal affirming trial court had jurisdiction to decide motion to compel arbitration by law firm against former clients where contract did not have a delegation clause.
- § Appeal affirming Superior Court judgment in favor of plaintiff employee's Labor Code claims.
- § Appeal affirming summary judgment for County and real-party-in-interest on CEQA, Williamson Act, and regulatory compliance claims.
- § Appeal affirming sanctions for attorneys' fees against Plaintiff and her attorney for filing frivolous FEHA complaint.
- § Writ of Mandate overturning demurrer and holding that the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 is not modified by Corporations Code internal corporate governance provisions.
- § Jury trial verdict and judgment in favor of employer defending against gender and disability discrimination and retaliation claims.
- § Jury trial verdict for employer defending against FEHA and other discrimination claims.
- § Successful jury and bench trial on complex civil matter involving breach of fiduciary duty and contribution claims.
- § Dismissal of PAGA and individual claims for employer defending against misclassification claims.
- § Summary judgment for local San Diego restaurants defending against class allegations of CLRA, UCL, and FAL violations.
- § Summary judgment for employer defending against FEHA and other discrimination claims.
- § Arbitration award in favor of Plaintiff employee against former employer for labor code violations and breach of contract.
- § Defeated class certification and achieved ultimate dismissal of all claims against newspaper distributors for employment misclassification.
- § Defense judgment in favor of large developer alleged to violate CEQA.
- § Petitioner's verdict in favor of parent action group alleging CEQA claims against City.
- § Defense summary judgment of non-infringement in favor of GPS technology company.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

[Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace](#)

[Best Business Practices for California Employers and Managers](#)

California Lawyers Association
2022 Annual Meeting
[Ethics in Mediation](#)

California Restaurant Association
San Diego 2019 Annual Meeting
[#MeToo Legislation](#)

California Western School of Law
Women in the Legal Profession

The Preuss School UC San Diego
Careers in Law

Assoc. of Business Trial Lawyers
2019 Annual Seminar
[Jury Expectations](#)

PUBLICATIONS

ABTL Appellate Insights:

[Appeal Advantage:](#)

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Appellate Series: [Did You Know...](#)

