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Focus Areas

Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets
Litigation and Trials
Policies, Procedures and Handbooks
Discrimination and Harassment
Class Action

Overview

Christine M. Fitzgerald is an experienced litigator and legal advisor, with her practice focusing on trade secret and unfair competition matters. Her work includes leading computer forensic investigations, developing internal policies and procedures, and litigation.

Christine also has significant experience handling single plaintiff matters including harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination cases. She has experience representing employers in wage and hour representative and class action matters. She partners with clients to advise on various employee relations issues such as leaves of absence, performance management, and terminations.

Christine has successfully defended an employer in trial where the former employee asserted claims for harassment, discrimination, and wrongful termination. The jury rendered a complete defense verdict. She has also obtained full defense arbitration awards and positive outcomes for her clients in both state and federal court.

Christine's prior experience includes serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, where she represented the United States and its agencies in a broad range of cases, including employment discrimination, personal injury, and bankruptcy. She also clerked for the Hon. Scott C.

Clarkson, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, and the Hon. Mark D. Houle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, also for the Central District of California.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, Chair History Policy and Bylaws 2024-2025; Board of Directors 2021-2024; Co-Chair Annual Dinner 2023; Secretary 2021-2023; Co-Chair Red, White & Brew 2022; Co-Chair Law Student Outreach Committee 2019-2021, Lawyers Club of San Diego
- Member, Board of Directors 2023-2026; Vice President 2025; Secretary 2024, San Diego Bankruptcy Forum
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Recognition

- Named, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2024
- Named, Ones to Watch, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2022

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, 2008

B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2005

Bar Admissions

California

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Publications & Press

2024's Top Stories in Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets Law

Littler Insight

January 10, 2025