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Born in Africa and educated in the U.K. and the U.S., with law degrees from Oxford University and the University of Virginia, Rachel's primary focus is on highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy. She believes in a personalized, hands-on approach that involves analyzing client needs and concerns, and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result as speedily and cost effectively as possible. This may involve addressing issues at the Federal agency or congressional level, or the solution may be commercial, operational, transactional, or based on a combination of approaches, including mediation, arbitration and/or litigation. Rachel has extensive experience in all these disciplines, including in the international arena. She brings to the table a deep well of knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries that enables her to bring critical perspective to any problem.



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In the ever-changing landscape of wealth planning, Ronni acts as a resource to help her client's strategies keep pace, and to avoid litigation wherever possible, while also holding a successful track record advising clients on estate and gift tax audits, estate and gift tax litigation and Surrogate's Court contested matters, including probate disputes and fiduciary accountings. Additionally, she creates and advises public charities and private foundations, providing her listening ability and responsiveness to a well-rounded practice.

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Sarah Lee received her B.A. in Letters from the University of Oklahoma, graduating with the Silver Leitzer Award for Outstanding Senior, Phi Beta Kappa, and Summa Cum Laude. While chairing the Oklahoma Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, she was instrumental in starting the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. Often interviewed in print and digital media, Sarah Lee has been quoted in Marijuana Business Daily, Los Angeles Times, The Denver Post, The Chicago Tribune, and online publications of ABC News, Newsmax, InStyle, Food and Wine, The Leaf, Leafbuyer.com, Cannabis Tech, CPA Practice Advisor, Cooking Light, and Health.com magazines. She has been a guest on numerous radio shows, including Cannabis A to Z with Frankie Boyer, iHeart Radio, Andy Hooser The Voice of Reason, The Mike Siegel Show, the Heidi Selexa Show, and KTOK. Her legal thriller took second place in the New York Law Journal's 2006 Fiction Writing Contest, and she has shown her fine art photography at Art San Diego and during Miami's Art Basel week at Spectrum Miami. Active in her community, she was elected President of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and President of the Oklahoma City Pi Beta Phi Alumna Club. She is also a Sustaining Member of the Oklahoma City Junior League.

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Mary Alexander was recognized as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California in 2020 as a result of obtaining some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the state. Such cases include:

\$305 Million Settlement in Lead Paint

Case – Mary Alexander was a lead attorney working tirelessly to negotiate a \$305 million settlement on behalf of ten California counties against several paint companies involved in the nearly 20-year lawsuit over lead paint in California. Ms. Alexander worked on this case for its entirety with the settlement ending two decades of litigation, which included a \$1.15 billion bench verdict.

\$32.7 Million Settlement in Premises

Liability Case – Three-and-a-half years after the Ghost Ship Fires occurred, costing the lives of 36 people and injuring several others, the lawsuit was resolved in the summer of 2020 for \$32.7 million against the City of Oakland. 32 families, along with a survivor who suffered brain damage and burns, agreed to the settlement. The City had 100's of contacts with the Ghost Ship over more than two years, by police and firemen who knew that people lived there, but the City turned a blind eye. Ultimately, a fire occurred that cost dozens of lives, ruined numerous families and injured dozens of other people. Mary was Liaison Counsel for a team of highly skilled attorneys that obtained this tremendous result. The case also resolved against PG&E.

\$21.4 Million Jury Verdict in Benzene Case – Mary Alexander obtained a \$21.4 million jury verdict on behalf of the families of two brothers who died of cancer as a result of their exposure to the known cancer-causing chemical benzene. The trial lasted over four weeks with the jury deliberating for roughly 3 days. The families of Gary Eaves and his brother Randy Eaves filed a lawsuit against Union Oil which made the benzene-containing rubber solvent the brothers regularly worked with at their jobs in a tire manufacturing plant. The brothers were longtime employees of the plant and exposed to large amounts of benzene in their work. The jury sided with the plaintiffs who contended the oil company knew the solvents they sold contained benzene.



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Ms. Dube has consistently been rated AV Preeminent – Peer Review by Martindale-Hubbell for ethical standards legal ability since 1986. She has been a member of the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers for over 15 years. Ms. Dube received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, a Master of Arts Degree from Sam Houston University in 1973, and earned her J. D. from South Texas College of Law in 1979, where she was assistant editor of Law Review.

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Mindy is presently transitioning her practice to dispute resolution services, exclusively. Known as an insightful, practical problem solver, her commitment to providing cost-effective business solutions is paramount. Mindy's expertise is built upon decades in the construction industry and she is among a small group of uniquely situated, highly qualified practitioners in this area. Put simply, Mindy's understanding of the construction process – from the earliest stages of project documentation, through project administration, to completion – and her extensive construction litigation background, enables her to deliver creative, impartial dispute resolution services.

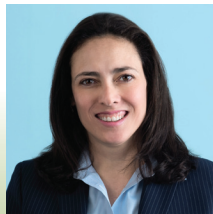
Mindy began her career as a rarity, a woman in two male-dominated fields – construction law and the construction industry. She is deeply committed to developing the careers of women and diverse individuals in both the industry and construction law. As Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the annual Groundbreaking Women in Construction conference, Mindy works alongside colleagues to change the dialog around diversity and inclusion in construction. Mindy also chairs P&A's D&I Committee, driving forward the firm's 42-year commitment to these ideals.

Mindy's accolades include: Lifetime Achievement Award, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, Construction Law Committee; *Best Lawyers In America* (Construction); *Florida Super Lawyers* (Construction Litigation); *Chambers USA* Band 2 (Construction Law); and *Martindale-Hubbell* "AV Preeminent".

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Ms. Holmes: Obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law; Became a National Football League Player Agent; Published various scholarly articles; Maintained the Martindale-Hubbell "AV Preeminent Rating" for the past two decades; Received the "San Diego's Top Lawyers" award throughout her legal career; Received the "American Registry America's Most Honored Lawyers" award throughout her legal career (awarded for continuous professional recognition, an accomplishment realized by only the top one percent of American lawyers); Received the Tribute to Women in Industry award; Received the "President's Star" award (for going above and beyond and representing indigent clients on a *pro bono* basis); Received the "Outstanding Trial Lawyer" award throughout her legal career; and Received the "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award. Received the California Senate's "Distinguished Leadership and Outstanding Contributions" Ms. Holmes resides in San Marcos, CA with her husband and family.



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She currently co-leads several litigation groups, serves in leadership positions with multiple MDLs, and is a frequent lecturer on drug and medical device litigation and consumer drug safety issues. She has received numerous awards from the FJA and AAJ for her efforts in membership, political fundraising, and lobbying. She is a graduate of AAJ's Leadership Academy and received the prestigious Marie Lambert Award for her exemplary leadership to the profession, her community, to AAJ and to the Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus. Brenda is active in many charities dedicated to serving the community.

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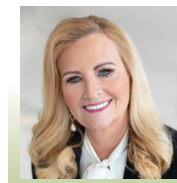
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Tonya L. Johannsen has 35 years of experience in handling general civil litigation matters including complex financial institution contracts, real estate matters and business tort disputes as well as high profile construction negotiations and controversies. She engages with and educates her clients about best legal and business practices to identify potential issues early in the business process to avoid and resolve disputes. Ms. Johannsen provides highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy delivered in a hands-on manner that involves analyzing client needs and concerns and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result effectively and efficiently. During her eleven years as general counsel for a large construction company, Ms. Johannsen developed expertise in construction law and dispute resolution. Her representation begins at the earliest stages of negotiation and preparation of contract documents and continues through the construction process and any disputes that may arise with a goal of facilitating the delivery of projects on-time and within the budget. When early dispute resolution is impossible, Ms. Johannsen vigorously represents her clients in proceedings before state and federal courts and in mediation, arbitration and private negotiations.



Ms. Johannsen has achieved Martindale-Hubbell's highest AV Preeminent rating for peer and judicial reviews every year since 1997. Additionally, she has been named as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas for commercial and construction litigation and is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America. Ms. Johannsen has been named in Who's Who from 2012 through 2021 and as the Outstanding Alumni from Texas Tech University School of Law in 2019. While serving as general counsel she was recognized as one of the Dallas Bar Association's Inspiring Women and in 2017 was honored by the National Diversity Counsel.

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