

Katie J. Brinson

Senior Counsel

Katie Brinson is Senior Counsel in Clark Hill's Los Angeles and San Francisco offices and a member of the firm's Litigation practice. Katie's practice is focused on the defense of general negligence, premises liability, professional liability, intellectual property, transportation, insurance, labor and employment, and product liability matters, including complex tort litigation and business and commercial litigation. Katie is an experienced litigator in both state and federal courts who has secured favorable outcomes for all types of clients, from individuals to large corporations, including successful mediation and/or settlement, multiple summary judgment awards, and defense verdicts at trial.

Experience

- In a federal court case where Katie represented an international hotel chain, the plaintiff claimed she was attacked by bed bugs during her one night stay. Katie successfully presented evidence that the plaintiff's injuries were not from bed bugs and that there was no evidence of any bed bug infestation, and after less than 45 minutes of deliberation, the jury returned a defense verdict. After trial, Katie successfully argued a motion to tax costs wherein the court awarded her client was entitled to recover over \$10,000 in attorneys fees and costs associated with the litigation.
- Katie represented a well renowned residential home and community builder in an action brought by a plaintiff claiming that an intersection within the community was defectively designed, which the plaintiff alleged was the cause of catastrophic personal injuries sustained when as a pedestrian she was struck by a vehicle traveling through the intersection. Katie brought a motion for summary judgment and obtained a complete dismissal for her client by arguing that the developer client could not legally be found to have controlled the intersection and therefore could not be held liable for a defective design cause of action.
- Katie prepared and filed a motion for summary judgment in an employment discrimination matter where the plaintiff alleged she was wrongfully terminated. She later successfully leveraged that motion in order to obtain a dismissal of the entire action against both her clients without the need for payment of any settlement funds.
- Katie worked to achieve a complex settlement of over a dozen cases filed in four United States jurisdictions and two international jurisdictions involving over a dozen cases wherein women alleged that a sperm bank failed to recognize signs of schizophrenia in a sperm donor whose donations were used to produce children and whom claimed that they suffered emotional distress related to the fear that their children would develop the allegedly hereditary mental illness.

Training

Prior to her civil litigation career, Katie worked for the Alameda County Public Defender's office, representing indigent clients in a variety of misdemeanor and felony cases. Katie was also trained at the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Jack Daniels Trial School.

Education

Katie attended Golden Gate University School of Law, where she graduated with high honors, and was inducted into the Justice Jesse Carter Society, reserved for those graduates in the top 10% of their class. She attended the University of California at Berkeley for her undergraduate studies and remains an avid Cal Bears fan.

Publications

Katie authored an article for the *Golden Gate University Law Review* titled "Justifying Discrimination, How the Ninth Circuit Circumvented the Intent of the Fair Housing Act," which was published in the Journal's Spring Edition. Thereafter, Katie acted as the Managing Editor of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*.

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State Bar Licenses

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