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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Litigation, Antitrust, Employment, Fiduciary Duty/Shareholder & Partnership Disputes, Government Representation, Intellectual Property

Overview

Ms. Meisenheimer is Co-Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and specializes in complex civil litigation matters with particular emphasis on litigation involving unfair competition or contract disputes. She has experience at all phases of litigation and arbitration, including dispositive and discovery motions, managing complex discovery (including electronic discovery), and litigating trials and arbitrations. She has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in unfair competition, trade secrets, intellectual property and employment litigation.

Experience

Ms. Meisenheimer is Co-Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and has extensive experience in trials and other court proceedings, arbitrations, and mediations. She has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in unfair competition, trade secrets, antitrust and contract and fraud claims. Representative matters include:

The People of the State of California v. Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, et al

Represented the Attorney General of the State of California in a lawsuit against several Morgan Stanley entities for asset-backed securities fraud that caused losses to the California state pension funds. The case settled with a payment to the State of California of \$150 million.

In Re Apple Inc. E-Book Derivative Litigation

Represented the Special Litigation Committee of the Apple Board of Directors in connection with derivative litigation arising out of the eBooks antitrust litigation.

- [Report of the Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors Regarding Director Defendants and Settlement, May 2017](#)
- [Report of the Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors Regarding Mr. Eduardo Cue, January 2017](#)

GSI Technology, Inc. v. Cypress Semiconductor Corporation

Represented GSI in a Sherman Act Section 1 restraint of trade claim arising out of the exclusion of GSI from a consortium of SRAM manufacturers. The case resulted in a favorable settlement for GSI following defeat of Cypress' comprehensive motion for summary judgment.

Steven Poizner, as Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, etc. v. ALTUS Finance S.A., et al.

Represented the California Department of Insurance in the federal jury trial of a fraud claim arising out of the failure of the Executive Life Insurance Company. The case settled with payment to the Department of Insurance of \$200 million.

Ms. Meisenheimer also frequently represents clients in negotiating and securing resolution of disputes before litigation is filed. Recent examples include negotiating a favorable business divorce for investors in a startup

venture and securing a walk-away agreement for a high-level employee accused of misappropriating trade secrets after his departure.

Before becoming a partner, Ms. Meisenheimer left the Firm for a year to join the District Attorney's Office in Multnomah County (Portland, OR). As a prosecutor, Ms. Meisenheimer tried more than twenty cases as a first chair and made hundreds of court appearances for constitutional motions, bail hearings and other matters.

Professional Activities

- 2018-Present: Board Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- 2013 to 2018: Board Member, Family Violence Law Center (Treasurer 2014 to 2018)
- 2010-2013: Member of McFetridge Inn of Court
- 2012: Chair of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers Leadership Development Committee
- 2010-2011: Member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers Leadership Development Committee
- 2006-2008: Mentor for Law Academy Program at Balboa High School

Education

Pomona College
B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics, *cum laude*, 1999

Stanford Law School
J.D., Order of the Coif, 2003

Admissions

California State Bar

Oregon State Bar

All California State Courts

U.S. District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

All State Courts of Oregon

Accolades

Languages

Spanish, Fluent