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OVERVIEW

Paloma defends clients in product liability and toxic tort litigation—from inception to trial.

Paloma represents manufacturers and other private companies in product and personal injury claims, including cases involving high exposure and catastrophic injuries. The more complex the case, the better: she's passionate about working with highly technical matters with a team of expert witnesses. While Paloma supports clients nationwide, she most often handles California-based matters for national and international companies, including overseeing all California products cases for a global leader in infection prevention solutions and services. In addition, Paloma has ample experience in employment law, including wage and hour class actions, PAGA representative actions, and wrongful termination matters.

Paloma preps every case as though it will be tried to verdict. Her goal is for clients to never feel forced to accept a less-than-ideal settlement, and she builds solid defenses that mean clients never need to fear trial. Paloma works on massive, multi-year cases, always with a focus on how each decision and piece of evidence will influence an eventual trial strategy.

As a young attorney, Paloma knew she had a gift for managing conflict and personalities and collaborating toward solutions. It made litigation a natural fit, and she began her legal career litigating for plaintiffs for five years—an experience that continues to shape her practice. Paloma understands how plaintiffs' counsel thinks and operates, as well as the concerns that drive their decisions, and she builds her own strategies with this in mind.

Industries

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

Services

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Product Liability Toxic Tort

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In 2024, Paloma joined Husch Blackwell to help build the firm's San Diego team. After a decade of litigation in the state, she's deeply familiar with the judges and local rules, making her a true asset in California courts. Known for building close, long-term relationships with clients, Paloma prioritizes open communication so that clients are fully informed and intrinsically involved in strategic development.

Experience

- Successfully negotiated a dismissal with prejudice in a wrongful death matter after filing a persuasive dispositive motion on the issues. Plaintiffs had sought over \$1,000,000 in damages and walked away with nothing.
- Successfully negotiated a dismissal with prejudice in a personal injury matter on the eve of trial. Plaintiff sought over \$500,000 in damages following a car accident and walked away with nothing.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment in a premises liability matter for a commercial storage facility, wherein the plaintiff sought over \$1,000,000 in damages.
- Successfully obtained summary adjudication on several fraud matters in connection with warranty claims, disposing of any punitive damages claim prior to trial.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America
 - o Labor and Employment Law Management, 2021-2023, 2025

Education

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law
- B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

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Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Community Leadership

• Tecolote Nature Center in San Diego, volunteer

*Contact Paloma to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Los Angeles office.



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