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Summer Smith brings substantial experience and in-depth knowledge to the firm's litigation group. Her practice focuses on business and commercial litigation, along with the representation of professionals.

Summer's range as an attorney is showcased by the clients she represents. Her professional liability practice alone encompasses attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers, designers, and their firms. Summer considers all aspects of a case to resolve legal issues for her clients, having successfully applied California's anti-SLAPP (strategic lawsuit against public participation) legislation to her cases on several occasions.

Throughout her 17 years of legal practice, Summer has demonstrated her strength and skill as a litigator. She defends claims of product liability, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and intentional torts. She also assists and represents professional fiduciaries in the administration of their obligations to clients. Serving as counsel for litigated matters facing professional fiduciaries, she also advises on obligations owing to beneficiaries. Summer's representation includes advice about the management of trust assets, and occasionally tenant rights and obligations when trust assets include residential properties.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
D&O Liability
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law - J.D., 2000
- University of California, Davis - B.A., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2001

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Joy in the Law (Member)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Named as a "Rising Star" in Northern California Super Lawyers (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Summer has been a repeat CEB speaker for the State Bar of California's Continuing Education program on advanced discovery techniques among others.