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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation

### INDUSTRIES

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Financial Services

### OVERVIEW

Betty J. Santohigashi is a special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Del Mar Heights office. In 2005, she founded the E-Discovery Team firm wide.

### Areas of Practice

Ms. Santohigashi has represented plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of business litigation matters in federal and state court, including contract disputes, unfair competition, fraud and other business torts, trademark infringement, commercial code litigation, and class actions. Her clients have included such well known companies as Northwestern Bell Phones, Lucent Technologies, U.S. West, Newcourt, C.I.T., Beneficial Mortgage, Dell Financial Services, Nextel, and AT&T Capital Corporation.

Ms. Santohigashi has over 19 years experience in Sheppard Mullin's Business Trial Practice Group in the areas of construction, real estate, intellectual property, professional liability, class action (plaintiff and defense), telecommunications and accounting.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Hastings, 1986
- M.S., California Lutheran College, 1979
- B.A., California State University, Northridge, 1973, *summa cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

- California, 1987
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court - (N.C.S.)

### HONORS

- Community Service Award, San Diego County Bar Association, 1996, 1998
- Recipient, Distinguished Service Award by the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program, 1995
- San Diego Super Lawyer, 2011

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, California Bar Association, Litigation section
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association, Litigation section
- Member, American Inns of Court
- Member, California Women Lawyers
- Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers

- Member, Federal Bar Association
- She has also been very involved in San Diego's legal community. She has been an active member of Lawyers Club since 1988 and was on the Board of Directors of Lawyers Club for three years.
- She was a Co-Chair of the Women's Resource Fair Task Force for three years and has been actively involved on Task Force committees for over twelve years. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations.