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Kristin Housh is a partner in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Del Mar) office.

Areas of Practice

Kristin represents clients in complex business litigation matters such as:

- high-stakes contractual disputes;
- equity ownership, partnership, and shareholder disputes;
- trade secret misappropriation lawsuits; and
- corporate governance and securities fraud lawsuits.

Kristin's clients range from large publicly-traded companies, to small privately-held companies, to start-ups, to individuals, and everything in between. Kristin practices in both Federal and State court, and, in particular, has significant experience practicing in San Diego Superior Court.

Kristin also represents clients in pro bono matters, including obtaining a reversal of summary judgment in an appeal before the Ninth Circuit on behalf of an incarcerated client denied constitutionally adequate medical care. In addition, she helped bring a class action lawsuit on behalf of individuals who were denied access to the asylum process in violation of U.S. immigration laws.

Kristin is active in the San Diego community and is dedicated to public service and promoting diversity. She sits on the Advisory Board for the American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project, she is a member of the Host Committee for Equality California's annual fundraising event, and she regularly presents on current legal issues as a Barrister of the Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court.

While attending law school, Kristin served as a law clerk at the Williamson County Attorney's Office in Georgetown, Texas, where she prosecuted misdemeanor criminal cases in both jury and bench trials.

Honors

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers*, 2023

San Diego Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2018-2022

Experience

Representative Matters

- Investor owned utility in business fraud lawsuit involving power plant development
- National hospital chain in a False Claims Act *qui tam* action alleging that the client used third-party developers as a conduit to pass kickbacks to physicians in exchange for their Medicare referrals
- Mobile laboratory and diagnostic services provider in a series of breach of contract lawsuits
- Skilled nursing facility management company in False Claims Act *qui tam* action alleging that the client overpaid medical directors in exchange for their Medicare referrals
- Pharmaceutical company in bringing a securities fraud lawsuit against defendants who illegally obtained a large voting block of shares for the purpose of commencing a hostile takeover
- Global engineering and construction company policyholder in bringing a bad faith insurance claim against its insurer
- Municipality in the defense of five related breach-of-contract actions involving the use of a large tract of land on the U.S./Mexico border
- Government contractor in an internal investigation of alleged earnings management issues
- Healthcare services provider in internal investigation of fixed asset accounting issues

Articles

- "Ninth Circuit Applies Octane Fitness' Loosened Fee-Shifting Standard to Trademark Cases," *Client Alert*, November 2016
- "Ruling Gives IP Fee-Shifting Provision More Teeth," *Law360*, December 2014
- "Different but Equal? Inequalities in the Workplace, the Nature-Based Narrative, and the Title VII Prohibition on the Masculinization of the 'Ideal Worker,'" *17 Tex. J. on C.L. & C.R. 117*, 2011

Corporate and Securities Law Blog Posts

- "Delaware Supreme Court Holds Novel Pre-Closing Dividend Transaction Structure Does Not Thwart Appraisal Remedy," August 12, 2022
- "Delaware Supreme Court Provides Important Guidance Regarding Section 220 Demands, Rejecting Several Limiting Principles Frequently Offered By Corporations Resisting Stockholder Inspection Demands," December 23, 2020

Memberships

Member, Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court

Advisory Board Member, Immigration Justice Project, American Bar Association

Host Committee, Equality California

Member, San Diego County Bar Association

Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers

Practices

Litigation

Securities Enforcement

Industries

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Food and Beverage

Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2012, *cum laude*, *Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*,
Submissions Editor

B.A., Sociology and English, University of Southern California, 2009, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

California

California Federal District Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit