

Dana M. Howard

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A resolute litigator at both the trial and appellate levels, Dana Howard represents private companies and business owners in complex [commercial](#) cases and [white collar criminal](#) matters.

Keeping the prospect of a trial at the forefront of her strategy, Dana draws from her wide-ranging experience and tactical creativity to develop each client's matter into a comprehensive and effective narrative—often prevailing decisively in pretrial motion practice.

Dana's diverse experience includes high-stakes contracts, [intellectual property](#), [entertainment](#), fraud, and [employment disputes](#) in federal and state courts. She has also represented clients in pre-indictment investigations and trials involving allegations of procurement fraud and the False Claims Act. A skilled [appellate](#) advocate, Dana has been involved in more than a dozen appeals. She proactively anticipates and addresses potential appellate issues, positioning her clients for success.

Prior to joining Larson, Dana was an associate at Best, Best & Krieger LLP, where she gained considerable experience representing public entities in litigation related to land use, construction, wireless telecommunications, tort, civil rights, and elections. Dana frequently calls upon her expansive knowledge of the unique issues involved in such matters when she represents private clients in disputes with public agencies.

Higher Education Honors and Achievements

- Hale Moot Court Honors Program
- Hale Moot Court Honors Program Executive Board, Topic Editor
- Hale Moot Court National Team, Semi-Finalist Honors at National First Amendment Moot Court Competition
- Charles H. Whitebread Public Interest Memorial Grant

Dana's Representative Matters

- Obtained a [\\$1.3 million settlement](#) for a towing service in a civil rights lawsuit alleging corrupt favoritism and unconstitutional acts by city officials.
- Secured [complete dismissal](#) of an animal mistreatment complaint for Dick Van Dam Dairy, a family-owned dairy in San Jacinto operating for over 63 years.
- Successfully opposed a [motion to appeal](#) an order denying attorneys' fees in a San



EDUCATION

- University of Southern California Gould School of Law, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S.D.C. Central District of California
- U.S.D.C. Northern District of California

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Litigation
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental, Natural Resource, and Basic Materials Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation
- Labor and Employment

- Juan Capistrano real estate dispute before the California Court of Appeal.
- Successfully defended a prominent Southern California family in an ostensible taxpayer suit involving allegations of public corruption between City of Industry council members and the family-owned entities based upon the historical political influence of the family.

- Litigation and Counseling
- Media and Entertainment Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- White Collar Defense and Government Investigations

Dana's Associations

- Los Angeles County Bar Association, *Member*
- Women's Law Association of Los Angeles, *Member*

Dana's Awards & Recognitions

- Benchmark Litigation, 40 & Under List, 2021-2023