

RENÉE WELZE LIVINGSTON

CURRICULUM VITAE

A-V rated civil trial attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. Listed in *Best's* Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters. On Board of Directors for the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms. Tried numerous cases to verdict before juries in State and Federal court. Particular expertise in product liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury, trucking and commercial transportation, fire and casualty, intentional torts including sexual assault and molestation, premises liability, and insurance coverage.

EMPLOYMENT

SHAREHOLDER

Livingston Law Firm

A Professional Corporation

PARTNER

Livingston Tate LLP

AUGUST 2000-PRESENT

Walnut Creek, California

General civil litigation practice with emphasis on representation of corporate and individual clients in complex personal injury and wrongful death matters. Served as regional counsel for national beverage bottling and distributing company, and currently serves as California counsel for national wholesale distributor of grocery and food service industry products and equipment.

PARTNER

ASSOCIATE

Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Livingston & Pedersen LLP

JANUARY 1992-AUGUST 2000

SEPTEMBER 1986-DECEMBER 1991

San Francisco, California

General partner in defense trial practice and litigation firm.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Defense Research Institute, Insurance Law, Product Liability and Trucking Law Committees; American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice and Litigation Sections; Queen's Bench; Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada; San Francisco and Contra Costa County Bar Associations; National Association of Women Lawyers; National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arbitrator and Settlement Mentor, San Francisco and Contra Costa County Superior Courts; Mentor, U.S.F. Women Lawyers Committee; Officer and Director, UCSB Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1991-1997; Member, UCSB Bay Area Leadership Forum, 1998-present; Member, UCSB Northern California Campaign Committee, 2004-present; Director, National

Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, 2004-present; Chair, NAMWOLF Annual Meeting Steering Committee, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Overcoming the Challenges of Starting and Growing a Woman-Owned Law Firm, ADC Defense Comment, Vol. 19, No. 2/Summer 2004; *Contra Costa Lawyer*, October 2003

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator, *Trial Strategies: Demystifying the Corporate Client*, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (October 2009)

Featured Panelist, *Law Firm Membership and Corporate/Public Entity Partnership*, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (October 2005)

Featured Panelist, *Women in the Profession Roundtable*, Cal Law/The Recorder Roundtable Series (November 2006 and October 2008)

Faculty, National Business Institute

Tips for Handling the Personal Injury Case (September 2008)

Trying the Wrongful Death Case in California: Strategies in Preparation and Valuation (January 2003)

Featured Panelist, California Continuing Education of the Bar

Preparing and Examining Expert Witnesses: Reports, Depositions and Cross-Examination (May 2009)

Maximizing the Use of Experts (May 2006)

Preparing & Examining Expert Witnesses (August 2004)

Getting the Most Out of Your Expert Witnesses (August 2003)

Preparing a Case for Trial: The Last 100 Days Before Trial (February 2001)

Preparing for and Conducting Expert Witness Depositions (November 2000)

Guest Lecturer on Civil Procedure and Evidence, Hastings College of Law; Guest Lecturer on California Litigation: Practices and Procedures, Premises Liability, Insurance Claims Handling, Discovery Procedures, Wrongful Eviction Under the San Francisco Rent Ordinance, Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith, for The PMA Insurance Group, State Farm Insurance Companies and The Farmers Insurance Group of Companies

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Becker v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Co. (N.D. Cal. 1987) 664 F.Supp. 460; *Bakanauskas v. Urdan* (1988) 206 Cal.App.3d 621; *Calwillo-Silva v. Home Grocery* (1998) 19 Cal.4th 714

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, HONORS

University of San Francisco School of Law
Admitted to California Bar, December 1986

MAY 1986

San Francisco, California

Admitted to United States District Court

Northern District of California, December 1986

Eastern District of California, December 1998

Central District of California, September 2005

Southern District of California, March 2008

Admitted to United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, December 1986

BACHELOR OF ARTS, LIBERAL STUDIES, HIGH HONORS

University of California, Santa Barbara

JUNE 1982

Santa Barbara, California

PERSONAL

East Bay native. San Leandro High School, Class of 1978. Married, three children. Enjoys swimming, the beach, wine tasting and traveling. Walked 60 miles in San Diego in 2007 and raised \$6,000 for the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.