

RENÉE WELZE LIVINGSTON

CURRICULUM VITAE

EMPLOYMENT

A-V rated civil trial attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. Listed in *Best's* Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters. 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, sexual harassment and discrimination, intentional torts including sexual assault and molestation, premises liability, and insurance coverage.

SHAREHOLDER

Livingston Law Firm
A Professional Corporation

AUGUST 2000-PRESENT
Walnut Creek, California

PARTNER

Livingston Tate LLP

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/Mediator, 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

Featured Panelist, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, Annual Meeting (October 2005)

Featured Panelist, Women in the Profession Roundtable Discussion, Cal Law/The Recorder Roundtable Series (November 2006)

Faculty, National Business Institute

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

Featured Panelist, California Continuing Education of the Bar

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; *Calvillo-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. Married, three children. Enjoys swimming, rollerblading, gardening, wine tasting, traveling, entertaining.