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Amy began her career as a trial attorney in the York County, Pennsylvania, District Attorney's Office where she honed her trial skills and learned to identify and present evidence that resonates with jurors. Following her move to California in 2012, Amy used her courtroom skills as trial counsel for a national insurance company. Over the course of her career, Amy has tried numerous criminal and civil cases to verdict before judges and juries. She has successfully defended hundreds of civil matters involving general negligence claims, automobile accidents, premises liability claims, and landlord/tenant matters involving habitability and wrongful eviction. Amy has developed a particular expertise in defending matters involving serious personal injuries, and she enjoys working closely with liability and damages experts to formulate and implement a comprehensive defense strategy. With her experience in criminal matters and large exposure personal injury cases, Amy has developed the ability to sift through a complex factual record to unearth those key facts upon which important liability or damages issues may hinge. She also brings a certain tenacity to her cases, whether during the discovery phase, in arbitration, mediation, or presenting her case to a jury.

EMPLOYMENT

SENIOR COUNSEL
Livingston Law Firm
A Professional Corporation

May 2023-PRESENT
Walnut Creek, California

General civil trial practice with emphasis on personal injury, wrongful death, premises liability, habitability and contractual claims.

ASSOCIATE
Haapala, Thompson & Abern, LLP

2018- 2023
Oakland, California

Insurance defense counsel for multiple national insurance carriers and government entities with emphasis on personal injury, wrongful death, uninsured and underinsured motorist claims, and landlord/tenant disputes. Prepared dispositive motions, discovery motions, motions *in limine* and protective orders.

TRIAL ATTORNEY
Hartsuyker, Stratman & Williams-Abrego

2014-2018
Oakland, California

Insurance defense counsel for large insurance carrier litigating automobile accidents, premises liability, landlord/tenant, dog bite, uninsured and underinsured motorist claims.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
York County District Attorney, York, PA

2010 - 2012
York, Pennsylvania

Conducted several jury and bench trials including second chair trial counsel in two homicide trials. Presented evidence and argument at multiple preliminary hearings. Prosecuted and managed hundreds of cases as a selected member of the county's first ever vehicular crimes unit. Represented the Commonwealth in collaborative court programs for juvenile justice and repeat offenders. Wrote and argued evidentiary motions including suppression motions and motions *in limine*. Conducted juvenile special unit investigations. Drafted and filed appellate briefs in the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

LAW CLERK 2009 - 2010
Sussex County Family Court *Georgetown, DE*

Conducted legal research and drafted judicial opinions pertaining to divorce, custody, alimony, juvenile adjudications, child support, and termination of parental rights.

LEGAL INTERN 2008
Governor's Office of General Counsel *Norristown, PA*

Researched legal issues and drafted memoranda pertaining to agency law and environmental regulations.

CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERN 2007-2008
Penn State's Dickinson Family Law Clinic *Carlisle, PA*

Represented clients in divorce, custody, and contempt proceedings including trial.

LEGAL INTERN 2007
Sullivan Yost P.C. *York, PA*

Prepared criminal defense briefs to the PA Superior Court on 4th Amendment issues and the Post-Conviction Relief Act.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Alameda County Bar Association; Women Lawyers of Alameda County (Board member from 2020-2023).

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California – 2013
- State Bar of Pennsylvania - 2009 (inactive)

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, HONORS 2009
Penn State's Dickinson School of Law *Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

Member of Woolsack Honor Society for Academic Achievement; Miller Public Interest Award Recipient; Order of Barristers; Regional Finalist in the National Moot Court Competition; CALI Award Recipient in Advanced Torts, Juvenile Law, and Leadership.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ART HISTORY, CUM LAUDE 2002
University of Georgia *Athens, Georgia*
Collegiate All-American Scholar
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Golden Key Honor Society

PERSONAL

Passionate about art and loves museums. Enjoys running, especially participating in 5Ks. Also loves reading, baking, and spending time with family.