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Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Insurance Recovery
- Public Sector Litigation
- Class Actions

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Samantha represents both public and private sector clients in litigation with an emphasis on putative and certified class actions, constitutional and civil rights matters, structured negotiations, and insurance recovery disputes, through all phases of litigation in federal and state court. Samantha is experienced in defending public sector clients in civil rights matters, including certified class actions relating to the constitutional delivery of medical and mental health care to incarcerated individuals and other alleged civil rights violations. Samantha also counsels public sector clients on corrections operations, including specifically the constitutionality of the delivery of services and risk analysis. Samantha also assists policyholders in coverage disputes, specializing in dispute-resolution counseling, pre-litigation negotiation, and litigation.

Samantha previously worked as a deputy attorney general in the California Office of the Attorney General where she defended high-ranking governmental figures and state corrections officials in civil rights litigation.

Publications

"White Paper on Preparing For & Surviving The Class Action Tsunami Aimed At The Senior Housing & Care Industry," co-author, *Insurance Recovery Alert* (September 2017)

"The Winn Case: A Game Changer for California's Senior Care & Housing Industry," co-author, *Insurance Recovery Alert* (August 2016)

"Insurers are adapting to the surge of elder abuse claims," co-author, *Daily Journal Verdicts and Settlements* (August 2016)

"Is your insurance coverage adequate?" co-author, *Seniors Housing Business* (April-May 2016)

"Costly and Damaging Cyberattacks: Who Will Pay, and for What?" *Tech on the 20s* (March 2016)

"Navigating Calif. Insurance Defense Settlements," co-author, *Law360* (July 2015)

"Mandatory Skilled Nursing Hours Claims: Are You Covered?" co-author, *Insurance Thought Leadership* (July 2013)

"Where A Party Makes Two CCP § 998 Offers And Both Are Rejected (Or Lapse), The Second Offer Does Not Extinguish The First For Purposes Of Cost Shifting," *Hanson Bridgett Litigation Law Update* (March 2012)

"How to Keep Exempt Employees Exempt," *California Assisted Living Association Bulletin* (March 2009)

Presentations

"Hope Is Not a Strategy: A Proactive Approach to Correctional Litigation," NCCHC 2023 Spring Conference (May 2023)

"Litigation in County Jails: The New Frontier," co-speaker, 2019 CSAC Annual Meeting (December 2019)

"Trends in Jail Litigation: Strategies to Mitigate Risk and Defend Your Facilities," co-speaker, California Sheriffs' Association (November 2019)

"Strategies, Rights, and Obligations of Counties Responding to Inmate Advocacy Groups," co-speaker, 2016 CSAC Annual Meeting (December 2016)

"Healthcare Challenges in Detention Facilities," co-speaker, County Counsels' Association of California, Civil Law and Litigation Spring 2016 Study Section Conference (April 2016)

"Then and Now: A Historical Analysis of the Evolution of the Last 40 Years of Insurance Coverage in the United States and Where We Might Go," Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (March 2016)

"Parenting and the Law: Balancing Family and Career as a Young Attorney," University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Parenting & Law (November 2015)

“Corrections & Realignment: Avoiding Litigation,” co-speaker, CSAC Annual Conference Innovation Summit (November 2013)

“Correctional Class Action Litigation Following Realignment: Current Trends and Litigation Strategies,” co-speaker, County Counsels’ Association of California, 2013 Annual Meeting (September 2013)

“Correctional Class Action Litigation: Implementing Realignment & Exposure to Liability,” co-speaker, County Counsels’ Association of California, Northern California County Counsels’ Meeting (July 2013)

“Correctional Class Action Litigation: Risks, Prevention, & Litigation Strategies,” co-speaker, San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties (October 2012)

“Employment Law Overview for Small Business Owners,” La Cocina (April 2011)

“How to Hire Your First Employee,” Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (March 2011)

“Significant Changes in Employment Law for California Employers in 2009,” Association of Legal Administrators, Golden Gate Chapter (April 2009)

Press

“Court Revives California Public Beach Harassment Case,” *Law360* (March 2023)

Honors & Awards

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2019–2021)

Education

J.D., UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2005)

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (2002)

Admissions and Courts

California

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California