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Practices:

Business and Financial Crimes, Complex Business Litigation, Civil Litigation

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Ms. Porter represents clients in complex civil litigation, business disputes, and white collar criminal defense matters. She has significant courtroom and trial experience, including helping secure a favorable verdict for the co-founder of a publicly traded pharmaceutical company in a high-stakes personal injury jury trial after being retained just ten days before trial, saving the client more than $40 million in potential damages. Her experience also includes conducting jury selection in a high-stakes civil trial, examining expert witnesses in arbitration proceedings, and serving on trial teams in both civil and class action jury trials.

In addition to her trial work, Ms. Porter has obtained favorable outcomes for clients in a wide range of matters. She has successfully represented clients in pre-indictment criminal investigations, helping avoid prosecution, secured a time-served sentence for a client facing the possibility of decades in prison, obtained a total defense verdict in an executive compensation arbitration, and obtained an early favorable settlement for founders of a technology start-up in litigation arising from a transaction valued at more than $200 million. Ms. Porter also maintains an active pro bono practice, including recently obtaining a favorable settlement that prevented the eviction of a disabled tenant facing discrimination.

Before joining Bird Marella, Ms. Porter worked as an attorney in the Capital Habeas Units of the Los Angeles and Philadelphia Federal Public Defender offices. As a deputy federal public defender, Ms. Porter successfully represented clients on death row challenging the bases of their convictions and sentences. Ms. Porter received her J.D. from Yale Law School. After graduating, Ms. Porter clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Paez on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Porter also served as a Yale Law Liman Fellow with the ACLU of Southern California, where she helped litigate and reach a favorable settlement in a lawsuit challenging the Los Angeles Superior Court's practice of suspending driver's licenses for unpaid traffic fines.

Education, Clerkship & Admissions

- Yale Law School, J.D., 2015
- Reed College, B.A., 2011, Phi Beta Kappa

- Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard A. Paez, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

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- California, 2015
- Central District of California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Pennsylvania, 2019
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Notable Matters

Successfully defended client in jury trial in San Bernardino Court on behalf of the co-founder of a publicly traded pharmaceutical company after being retained as trial counsel ten days prior for a high-stakes personal injury matter brought by one of the most successful plaintiff-side injury lawyers in the country. Saved the client over $40 million in potential damages, which was significantly less than the plaintiff's lowest pre-trial settlement offer.

Obtained a total defense verdict on behalf of a company in an executive compensation arbitration.

Represented the founders of a technology start-up in litigation brought by minority shareholders related to the sale of intellectual property in connection with a transaction valued at more than $200 million, obtaining a favorable early settlement.

Secured a time-served sentence for a federal criminal defendant facing the possibility of decades of imprisonment.

Drafted, argued, and prevailed on an anti-SLAPP motion resulting in dismissal of all claims in a property dispute.

Conducted jury selection in a high-stakes civil jury trial, examined expert witnesses in arbitration proceedings, and served on the trial team in a plaintiff-side class action jury trial.

Obtained a favorable settlement in a pro bono housing discrimination matter that prevented the eviction of a disabled tenant.

Associations

- Member, Women's White Collar Defense Association