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Overview

Denise Tran-Nguyen is an experienced litigator who represents employers in all types of employment-related litigation before federal and state courts and administrative agencies. Denise's experience includes defense of employment discrimination, retaliation and harassment claims as well as wage and hour class actions and private attorney general representative actions. Additionally, Denise counsels clients on workplace privacy and information security.

Denise has handled cases in state and federal courts, as well as the administrative level, including the following:

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a private government contractor regarding claims of whistleblower retaliation and wrongful termination
- Represented national retailers in employment-related matters ranging from wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, and trade secret misappropriation to wage and hour claims including failing to pay final wages
- Represented employers in wage and hour representative actions regarding failure to provide meal periods, rest breaks, and business expense reimbursements
- Defended a large insurance company before the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing regarding claims of disability discrimination, harassment, and retaliation
- Represented several employers before the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement involving wage and hour disputes
- Represented various employers in the retail, restaurant, and technology industries in employment-related matters, including defense of threatened employment litigation, representative actions, terminations and discrimination lawsuits

During law school, Denise served as a judicial extern for the Hon. Judge Janis L. Sammartino of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. She was the chief executive editor for the *San Diego International Law Journal*. Denise also externed at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California and the Attorney General's Office of the California Department of Justice – Employment & Administrative Mandate Section.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego

Recognition

- Named, Ones to Watch, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021
- Recipient, CALI Award in Excellence for Highest Grade in Community Property, *University of San Diego School of Law*
- Recipient, High Pass for Highest Grade in Legal Research and Writing, *University of San Diego School of Law*

Education

J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, *cum laude*

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Bar Admissions

California

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Publications & Press

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