

## Anne Marie Ellis

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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Products Liability; Litigation; Chemical Law & Prop 65; Automotive



Anne Marie Ellis' practice focuses on product liability, commercial litigation, regulatory compliance and client counseling. She has significant experience defending all types of consumer products including motor vehicles, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, sporting goods equipment, power tools, exercise equipment, restaurants and amusement park venues. Ms. Ellis regularly helps clients navigate compliance with California's Proposition 65. Ms. Ellis also consults with clients on warranty issues arising under state and federal statutes. Ms. Ellis consults and litigates cases involving concussions, head injuries and return to play laws throughout the country. Ms. Ellis provides consultation regarding Title III of the Americans with Disability Act, and corresponding California statutes including the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

With extensive experience in complex litigation in both state and federal courts, including judicial council coordinated proceedings, multi-party litigation subject to case management orders, and multi-district litigation, Ms. Ellis has successfully defended cases of all sizes including catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits. She also advises clients on a wide-range of discovery issues and procedures including e-discovery and trade secrets.

Outside of work, Ms. Ellis has served as a Board Member and Vice-Chair to the Board of Directors of WHW (formerly known as Women Helping Women) and is an active volunteer at Holy Family Cathedral School in Orange. She was also recently recognized by *JD Supra* as a Top Author in the area of products liability for the 2019 Readers' Choice Awards, which acknowledges top authors and firms for their thought leadership in key topics.

### Representative Matters

- Secured dismissal of action alleging negligent design, negligent failure to warn, strict liability manufacturing defect, design defect, strict liability failure to warn, negligence, and gross negligence in the California Superior Court for the County of Orange on a Motion to Dismiss based on Forum Non Conveniens.
- Obtained summary adjudication on a negligent infliction of emotional distress claim in a product liability/personal injury action.
- Secured dismissal of action alleging violations of the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the Bane Act, the Disabled Persons Act, and intentional infliction of emotional distress in the California Superior Court for the County of Orange on a Motion for Summary Judgment.

### Publications

- Prop. 65 updates for the summer!, July 5, 2019
- Proposition 65 Updates: A Sampling Of Notices Of Violation Filed in 2019, A Cautionary Tale For Environmental Warnings, and Meeting The February 28th Deadline, *Buchalter Client Alert*, February 11,

2019

- Have a holly, jolly and Prop. 65 compliant Christmas!, December 14, 2018
- Law360: Prop 65 Compliance Gets More Complicated, November 26, 2018
- Environmental Health News: New Proposition 65 Rules Are Now In Effect, *Buchalter Health Care Newsletter*, October 23, 2018
- PROP 65 UPDATE: Where the Chips are Falling Six Weeks Later, October 17, 2018
- What's Next for Prop. 65?, September 13, 2018
- Trends Since the New Prop 65 Requirements Went Into Effect, September 7, 2018
- A Primer on the New Requirements of Proposition 65, *Buchalter Client Alert*, June 29, 2018
- Questions of Impartiality Result in a Finding of Violation of Due Process for Zen Magnets, June 14, 2018
- A Brief Guide to the Replica Motor Vehicle Exemption to Federal Safety Standards in the Face of Implementation Delays, May 17, 2018
- Youth Football Bans are Decreasing in Interest, May 3, 2018
- Changes For Youth Football In California And Beyond, March 28, 2018
- New Calif. Law Will Change Youth Sports Concussion Cases, *Law360*, March 22, 2017
- Don't Eat That, It's Expired! — Grocery Industry Adopts Standards For "Best if Used By" Labeling, *Law360*, March 15, 2017

### **Presentations**

- Host, "Structuring Supply Chain Agreements: New Guidance on Prop 65 Compliance," Strafford Live Webinar, December 11, 2019
- Speakers, "Hot Topics for Business: What a Company Should Know for 2019," Buchalter Orange County Office, April 2, 2019
- Speaker, "Structuring Supply Chain Agreements: New Guidance on Prop 65 Compliance," Strafford Webinar, December 4, 2018
- Speaker, "Anne Marie Ellis, Speaker at the SEMA Annual Education Show," Las Vegas, NV, October 31, 2018

### **Webinars**

- "Webinar: News and Updates on Prop 65 a Year After the Big Changes," October 15, 2019
- "Webinar: Return to Play: Update on Youth Sports and Concussions," March 20, 2019
- "Webinar: What Every Business Needs to Know About Significant Changes to Proposition 65 Coming in August," July 12, 2018
- "Speaker, "Webinar: California's Youth Concussion Law AB-2007: Best Practices for your Youth Sports Organization", " February 21, 2018
- "Speaker, "Webinar: Youth Sports: Concussion Concern, Injury Analysis and Compliance with California's New Concussion Law", " June 8, 2017

### **Education**

Ms. Ellis earned her J.D. at Seton Hall University School of Law in 2002, where she was a member of the *Sports Law Journal*, and her B.A. in English at the University of California, Berkeley in 1999.

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### **Bar Admissions**

- California

**Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit