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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Products Liability Law; Litigation; Environmental Law Practice;
Chemical Law & Prop 65; Automotive Lawyers; Cannabis & Hemp
Industry Law Group



Anne Marie Ellis' practice focuses on product liability defense, personal injury litigation, commercial litigation, regulatory compliance and client counseling.

She has significant experience with motor vehicles, motorcycles, food and cosmetics, off-road vehicles, sporting goods equipment, power tools, exercise equipment, large scale wildland fires, restaurants, trash and recycling haulers and amusement park venues.

Anne Marie is a Sustaining member of PLAC (Product Liability Advisory Council) which is a prestigious trade association at the forefront of helping product manufacturers, retailers and suppliers stay abreast of legal and regulatory issues.

Ms. Ellis provides advice and counsel to clients dealing with complex regulatory schemes such as the FDA, CPSC and California's Proposition 65. Anne Marie has been recognized as a thought leader on Prop. 65, and frequently publishes and speaks about defense related issues. Ms. Ellis also defends clients facing Consumer Legal Remedies Act, false advertising and unfair business practices claims.

Anne Marie helps clients defend lawsuits and claims involving Title III of the Americans with Disability Act, and corresponding California statutes including the Unruh Civil Rights Act for brick and mortar stores and website accessibility.

With extensive experience in complex litigation, Ms. Ellis has successfully defended cases of all sizes including catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death lawsuits and class actions and has played a key role in all phases of litigation, including trial. 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 and is currently a member of the Advisory Board. Anne Marie is also a member of the Founders Guild of Casa Teresa.

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

- NHTSA Rule Offers Hope, Caveats For Replica Vehicle Makers, *Law360*, March 10, 2021
- Major Changes Coming to Prop 65 “Short-Form” Warnings, February 2, 2021
- Why Proposition 65 has a disproportionate effect on arts and crafts, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, November 23, 2020
- The Cannabis Industry is Ripe for Enforcement, *Cannabis Business Executive*, September 22, 2020
- Bracing for Increased Cannabis Enforcement Under Prop 65, *Bloomberg Law*, July 24, 2020
- Federal Court Prohibits Prop 65 Warning on Glyphosate-based Herbicides, *Buchalter Client Alert*, June 26, 2020
- Accelerating Regulatory Reform For Replica Vehicles, *Law360*, May 26, 2020
- The Marijuana Industry is Ripe for Enforcement Under Prop. 65, *Chemical Law & Prop 65 Buchalter Blog*, May 12, 2020
- Prop. 65 Filings Are Not Slowing Down Despite The Pandemic, April 15, 2020
- Prepare For Personal Injury Litigation In The Age Of COVID-19, *Law360*, April 7, 2020
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: California Local Court Orders Regarding Closure, March 31, 2020
- Prop 65 Chemical Labeling Litigation: Trends And Predictions, *Law360*, February 19, 2020
- Updates on California’s Proposition 65 for 2020, *Buchalter Blog*, January 15, 2020
- 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

- Presenter, "What the Cannabis Industry Needs to Know About Prop. 65 and Significant Changes Taking Effect in 2021," PLAC, December 8, 2020
- Panelist, "New Prop. 65 Hurdles Facing the Marijuana and Alcohol Industry," Prop. 65 Annual Conference, September 21, 2020
- 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.

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