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Cheryl M. Lott is a Shareholder in the Firm's Litigation and Labor and Employment Practice Groups in Los Angeles. She is also a member of the Firm's Pro Bono Committee, and has served as an *ex officio* member of the Firm's Board of Directors.

Ms. Lott represents corporate clients, banks, mortgage companies and other financial institutions in both state and federal court. Her practice focuses on general business and commercial litigation, construction defect litigation, toxic tort defense, class action defense, receivership and guaranty-related litigation, and labor and employment litigation. She has significant experience in preparing all aspects of a case for trial or arbitration. Ms. Lott has also been successful in defending Firm clients by drafting successful motions to either dismiss or stay actions of parties seeking to obtain the property of a non-party debtor in bankruptcy from the Firm's clients.

More specifically, Ms. Lott's areas of emphasis include employment counseling, contract disputes, independent film finance disputes, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, product liability, and creditors' rights and fair debt collection practices.

Recent Engagements

- Successfully defended materials suppliers in construction defect litigation
- Successfully defended a materials supplier in toxic tort/asbestos matters
- Successfully tried a matter involving a multi-million dollar guaranty action
- Tried a multi-million dollar bank fraud matter and obtained judgment and an attorneys' fees award
- Successfully defended lender in federal multi-district litigation involving over 250 separate cases
- Successfully defended lender in state court litigation involving repurchase obligation of over 300 securitized loans
- Successfully defended employer in race discrimination matters
- Defense of manufacturer client in \$40 million dollar successor product liability action
- Prosecution of credit union clients' claims of mortgage fraud by borrowers and brokers
- Appellate court filings related to pre-certification discovery in a California-wide purported class action matter
- Successful appeal defending a state court grant of judgment on the pleadings, which disposed of the matter in its entirety
- Successfully argued and defended a \$20 million judgment in an independent film finance related matter

Ms. Lott is a member of the UCLA School of Law Alumni Board and has been recognized as a Southern California *Super Lawyer Rising Star* from 2009-2014.

Ms. Lott earned her J.D. at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, with a Concentration in Critical Race Studies and Specialization in Corporate Law. While at UCLA Law, she was awarded scholarships for academic achievement all three years of her law school career. Additionally, Ms. Lott served as Co-Chair for the Black Law Students Association, Inter-Organizational Chair for La

Raza Law Students Association, Managing Editor for the *Chicano Latino Law Review*, and Convention Coordinator for the National Black Law Students Association-Western Region. Ms. Lott earned her B.A. in Political Science and African-American Studies, with a minor in Chicano Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Areas of Practice

Litigation Class Action Litigation Labor and Employment Product Liability

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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

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