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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Insurance Law; Products Liability Law; Sports Industry Law;
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Jeanine M. Donohue is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and Wineries, Vineyards and Breweries Practice Group. She practices in the firm's St. Helena and San Francisco offices.

With over 30 years of experience, Jeanine is a big picture strategist who quickly appreciates the 30,000 foot major issues, while also being attentive to the nuances and important details of each matter she handles. Jeanine has particular expertise and success counseling clients on how to avoid litigation.

Jeanine maintains a broad litigation practice that includes products liability, commercial, real estate and insurance recovery. Further, Jeanine practices in the wine and hospitality industries, advising privately and publicly owned wineries, vineyards and other industry related businesses.

Since 2013, Jeanine has served as Outside General Counsel to four active 524(g) settlement trusts with over \$1 billion in assets. She manages all outside trust litigation including insurance coverage litigation, bankruptcy and adversary proceedings.

Representative Matters

- Served as co-counsel for The Flintkote Company, a bankrupt construction products manufacturing company, and its creditors' committees representing hundreds of thousands of claimants, in an almost decade long, phased complex litigation against its former ultimate parent corporation. The case, involving allegations of intentional and constructive fraudulent conveyance and alter ego, resulted in a \$575 million settlement, one of the largest settlements reached in the past decade in a fraudulent conveyance case.
- Served as co-counsel for two law firms who were sued by a dissolved law firm for unfinished business profits. Successfully argued that the dissolved firm was not entitled to any claw back.
- Represented multiple plaintiffs injured by asbestos-containing products in a unique case against a major insurance company, alleging that the company aided and abetted a corporation's battery and fraud of its plant workers. Case settled favorably after obtaining a tentative decision for plaintiffs.
- Spearheaded a fact investigation regarding 20-year law firm representation in a continuous representation statute of limitations trial (part of a complex fraudulent transfer matter).
- Defended a large construction company in insurance coverage action and through vigorous defense, extracted company from litigation with excellent results.
- Defended major pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in litigation involving clinical trials as well as prescription and OTC medicines.

Presentations

- Speakers, "Appraisal Process for Insurance Claims: Understanding the rules of appraisal and obtaining prompt and effective resolution of your client's insured property losses," Federal Bar Association, February 24, 2023

Webinars

- "Buchalter Webinar: Navigating Insurance Resolutions: A Comprehensive New Year's Presentation Unveiling Solutions to Policyholder Challenges," January 10, 2024
- "Webinar: Employment Practices Liability Insurance: The Keys to Unlocking Coverage for Labor & Employment Claims," January 18, 2023

Education

Ms. Donohue earned her J. D. from the University of San Francisco, School of Law. She continued her postgraduate studies in International Political Economies, from Trinity College, Dublin, University of Dublin. She earned her B.A. in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College.

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
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California