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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Appellate Law; Litigation



M.C. Sungaila is the leader of the Firm's Appellate practice group and a Shareholder in the Firm's Orange County office. Ms. Sungaila is a highly regarded appellate attorney who has briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge and fundamental business issues for over two decades. Her work has helped shape undeveloped areas of the law in constitutional law, employment, franchisor liability, product liability, class actions, probate, immigration, Holocaust art recovery, and human rights. She crafts creative approaches to clients' emerging legal issues and provides pretrial consultations in cases where an appeal by either side appears inevitable.

*Chambers USA* reports that clients describe her as "a phenomenal writer," "an excellent strategist," and a "gifted appellate lawyer who consistently delivers bottom line results." Clients praise her "great practical sense," "laser" focus on key issues, "excellence in creative thinking," "deep local knowledge of the California Supreme Court, as well as other appellate venues," and her ability to "advise on the business side just as well as she does on the legal side." She has been recognized for over a decade by the *Daily Journal* as one of California's 100 Leading Women Lawyers, and as one of the state's Top Labor & Employment Lawyers. She is a recipient of two back-to-back California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) awards, including one in 2015 from *California Lawyer* magazine, Daily Journal Corporation, for the precedent-setting franchisor vicarious liability case she argued before the California Supreme Court, *Patterson v. Domino's Pizza*.

In addition to her appellate practice, Ms. Sungaila is also frequently recognized for her sustained commitment to community service and pro bono work. In 2017, she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, whose recipients include seven U.S. Presidents, Nobel Prize winners, athletes, leaders of industry, artists, and others whose work has made a lasting impact on humanity, for her combined professional achievements and humanitarian and pro bono work. She has also been recognized by groups such as California Women Lawyers, Alpha Phi International Fraternity, Orange County Women Lawyers, the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and Coastline Community College Foundation.

Ms. Sungaila is regularly published and quoted in top industry publications, and her articles relating to effective amicus briefing, appellate brief writing, and gender issues are cited frequently and are required reading in law schools throughout North America. She has taught appellate law at University of California, Irvine, Loyola, and Whitter Law Schools.

### Professional and Community Activities

#### Bar Service

- American Bar Association; Standing Committee on the American Judicial System, Subcommittee on Federal Courts, 2017-2019; Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs, 2013-2016, 2019-present; Commissioner, Center for Ethnic and Racial Diversity, 2016-2017; Judicial Division Amicus Committee, Co-Chair, 2014-present; Section of Litigation Amicus Curiae Briefs Committee, Co-Chair, 2013-2018;

Section of Litigation Appellate Practice Committee, Chair, 2018-present, Amicus Curiae Subcommittee, Chair, 2013-2016, Pro Bono Opportunities Subcommittee, 2016-2018; Women Rainmakers Board and Steering Committee, 2011-2016; West Coast Regional Summit for Women General Counsel and Senior Women In-House Counsel, Planning Committee, 2011; The Woman Advocate, Contributing Editor, 2011-2014, Founding Editor, 1996-1997; Commission on Women in the Profession, Gender Equity Task Force, Compensation Committee, 2012-2013

- International Association of Defense Counsel, 2008- present; Appellate Practice Committee, Chair, 2013-2016, Vice-Chair, 2009-2013; Amicus Curiae Committee, 2008-2017, Chair, 2010-2017; Nominating Committee, 2011; Defense Counsel Journal Board of Editors, 2008- present, Editor in Chief, 2014-2016; CLE Committee, 2014-2016, 2017-present; Adjunct Faculty, Trial Academy, 2012, 2013; Annual Meeting CLE Committee, 2012-2013; Midyear Meeting CLE Committee, 2018; Corporate Counsel College Advisory Committee, 2018
- National Association of Women Lawyers, Board of Directors, 2018-present; Amicus Briefs Committee, 2011- present
- Product Liability Advisory Council, Sustaining Member, 2011-present
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Appellate Lawyer Representative, 2013-2017
- Orange County Bar Association – Director at Large, 2017; Member, Board of Directors, 2016-present; Appellate Law Section, 2010-present; Chair, 2014; Program Chair, 2013; Member, 1992-present
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow, 2015-present
- California State Bar Litigation Section Jury Instructions Committee, 2011-2014
- Women Lawyers' Association of Los Angeles, 2000- present; Board of Governors, 2000-2009; Amicus Briefs Committee, Chair and Co-Chair, 2000-2009
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Committee and Section, 2010-present
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2013-present
- American Law Institute, Elected Member, 2010-present; Regional Advisory Group 10, Appointed Member, 2014- present
- California Lawyers Association Appellate Courts Committee (Formerly, California State Bar Appellate Courts Committee), Appointed Member, 2015-present
- National Foundation for Judicial Excellence, Annual Judicial Symposium Program Committee, 2013-2016
- Robert Banyard Inn of Court, 2012-present

#### Thought Leadership

- Judicial Council Appellate Advisory Committee, Member, 2015-present (appointed by the Chief Justice of California)
- Judicial Council of California Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions, 2014-present (appointed by Chief Justice of California)

#### Community Leadership

- RAND Institute for Civil Justice, Board of Advisors, 2011-present; Vice-Chair, 2017-2018; Chair, 2018-present
- Pacific Symphony, Executive board and Board of Directors, 2018-present
- reStore Costa Mesa Recovery Team, (appointed by Mayor of Costa Mesa)
- National Association of Women Judges "Informed Voters. Fair Judges Project," California Coordinating Committee, 2013-present
- Foundation of the International Association of Defense Counsel, Board Member, 2013-present
- California Task Force on K-12 Learning, Advisory Member, appointed by Chief Justice of California and

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2013-2014

- Red Hen Press, Board of Directors, Member, Interim Board Chair, and Board Chair, 2012-2014
- Coastline Community College Foundation, Board of Directors, 2012-2020
- National Chamber Litigation Center, California Litigation Advisory Committee, 2011-2013
- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's online iCivics education program, State Coordinator, 2010-2014, Ambassador, 2014-present
- Claremont Graduate University; School of Arts and Humanities, Board of Advisors, 2006-2015; Executive Committee, Board of Advisors, 2010-2015

#### Law School Teaching

- Loyola Law School, Ninth Circuit Appellate Clinic, Lecturer and Adjunct Professor 2016-present
- UCI School of Law, Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Lecturer, 2014-January 2016
- Whittier Law School, Adjunct Professor of Law, Appellate Advocacy, 2012-2013

#### Professional Recognition

- Chambers USA, Chambers and Partners, Litigation: Appellate, California, 2013-2021
- Top Women Lawyers, The Daily Journal, Daily Journal Corporation, 2011-2021 (annual list of 100 top women lawyers in the state – 75 litigators and 25 Dealmakers)
- California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, 2015, California Lawyer Magazine, Daily Journal Corporation (for groundbreaking California Supreme Court decision in the area of franchise law); 2016, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Daily Journal Corporation (for Ninth Circuit asylum appeal for a transgender woman)
- Top Labor & Employment Lawyer in California, Daily Journal, Daily Journal Corporation, 2015 (annual list of top 40 employment lawyers in the state; recognized for groundbreaking and significant 2014 work on behalf of franchisors in joint employer cases in California and Illinois)
- Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient, 2017
- Top Women in Business, Orange County Business Journal, 2020
- Recognized in Who's Who Legal: California, Product Liability Defense, Law Business Research Ltd., 2019
- Included in National Law Journal's Equality Trailblazers List, 2019
- Richard L. Neumeier Excellence in Service award, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2016
- Attorney of the Year, Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, 2015 (for decades-long, sustained pro bono appellate work, much of it benefiting the Hispanic community)
- Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award, California Women Lawyers, 2013 (inaugural award)
- Women Leaders in the Law, The Recorder, ALM Media Properties, LLC, 2012
- Distinguished Service Award, Women Lawyers' Association of Los Angeles, 2012
- Visionary of The Year Award, Coastline Community College Foundation, 2011
- "20 Women to Watch" in Orange County, OC Metro Business Magazine, Churm Media, 2011
- Alpha Phi International Fraternity Frances E. Willard Award, 2010
- Top Woman Litigator, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Daily Journal Corporation, 2010, 2005 (annual list of 100 top women litigators in California)
- The Best Lawyers in America, Woodward/White, Inc., Appellate Practice, 2010-2021; Lawyer of the Year, Appellate Practice, 2015 and 2021
- Southern California Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, Appellate, 2004-2019, and 2021

## Publications

### *Practice Guides*

- “Virtual Proceedings Playbook” Co-Author (March 2021)
- “Circuit Variations: Ninth Circuit” and “Amicus Briefs,” Chapter Co-Author and Author, *The Practitioner’s Guide to Appellate Advocacy*, ABA (forthcoming updated 2020 edition)
- “Living to Fight Another Day: Preserving the Record for Appeal,” Author, *From the Trenches: Strategies and Tips From 21 of the Nation’s Top Trial Lawyers*, Chapter 9, ABA (2015)
- “Motions, Applications, and Informal Requests,” Author, *California Civil Appellate Practice*, Chapter 11 (3d ed. 2015).
- “Punitive Damages,” Co-Author, *Employment Damages and Remedies*, Chapter 6, CEB, (1st ed. 2012).
- “Preliminary Opposition Authorized by Rules of Court, Opposition and Reply,” Author, Mitchell E. Abbott et al., *2 California Civil Writ Practice*, Chapters 21, 23 (4th ed. 2008).
- “Writs and Appeals,” Consultant, Mitchell E. Abbott et al., *2 California Civil Discovery Practice*, Chapter 16, at 1409-42 (4th ed. 2006).

### *Law Reviews and Academic Journals*

- “On the Cutting-Edge: As Pending Supreme Court Cases Concerning Contraceptive Coverage and Second-Parent Adoption Show, California Continues to be at the Forefront of the Law,” Author, *11 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud.* 399 (2002).
- “Nguyen v. INS and Sex Stereotyping in Citizenship Laws: Building on the Equal Protection Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” Author, *10 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud.* 293 (2001).
- “United States v. Morrison: The United States Supreme Court, the Violence Against Women Act and the ‘New Federalism,’” Author, *9 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud.* 301 (2000).
- “Effective Amicus Practice Before the United States Supreme Court: A Case Study,” Author, *8 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud.* 187 (1999).
- “Litigating Women’s Rights as Human Rights: The Case of United States v. Lanier,” Author, *7 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud.* 329 (1998).

### *Legal Practitioner Publications*

- “Ninth Circuit was right: Suppressing the Truth is Wrong”, co-author, *Law360*, July 7, 2020
- “Local Governments Have An Important Role in Fighting Coronavirus”, co-author *Law360* March 15, 2020
- “Holocaust-era Art and Property Recovery Claims After Zuckerman”, co-author, *The Recorder*, March 13, 2020
- “Global Litigation After the Coronavirus Pandemic”, co-author, *The Recorder*, March 30, 2020
- “The State of Article III Standing 3 Years after Spokeo”, co-author, *Law 360*, June 13, 2019.
- “China Agritech Should Apply to State Class Actions,” co-author, *Law360*, April 11, 2019.
- “2018 in Review: Notable Civil Cases From the California Supreme Court,” co-author, *Orange County Lawyer*, Vol. 61, No. 1, p. 31, January 2019.
- “From Appellate Practitioner to Author: So You Want to Write a Legal Novel,” author, *ABA Section of Litigation Appellate Practice Newsletter*, Volume 38, Issue 1, Fall 2018.
- “2017 Year in Review: Notable Published Civil Cases From the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three,” coauthor, *Orange County Lawyer*, Vol. 60, No. 3, March 2017.
- “New Era in the Golden State: No More Automatic Depublication,” author, *Law 360*, June 23, 2016.
- “How to Convince the California and Texas High Courts to Hear a Case,” co-author (with Lynne Liberato), *Law 360*, May 25, 2016

- “Don’t Get Thrown Out on your Derriere: Common Mistakes in Establishing Federal Subject-Matter Jurisdiction,” co-author, Def. C. J., Vol. 83, No. 2, p. 143, April 2016.
- “Joint Employer Liability in the Franchise Context: One Year After Patterson v. Domino’s,” co-author, 35 Franchise L. J. 339, Winter 2016.
- “2015 Year in Review: Notable Published Civil Cases From the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three,” co-author, Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 58, No. 2, p. 24, February 2016.
- “A New Resource For Self-Represented Litigants – A Civil Appellate Self-Help Clinic At The Orange County Court Of Appeal,” Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 58, No. 1, p. 30, January 2016
- “Making Democracy Work,” Women Lawyers Journal, December 30, 2015.
- “Completing the Trial Court Team: The Role of Appellate Counsel,” Orange County Business Journal, November 23, 2014.
- “Amicus Briefs in the California Supreme Court: Indicia of their Importance and Impact,” California Litigation, Vol. 28, No. 3, 2015.
- “Amicus Briefs: How to Write Them, When to Ask for Them,” American Bar Association GPSolo magazine, Vol. 32, No. 5, p. 28, Sept./Oct. 2015.
- “The ins and outs of amicus briefing: Fitting the puzzle of amicus briefs together in a case,” Inside Counsel, March 5, 2015.
- “The ins and outs of amicus briefing: What do organizations look for in deciding to lend amicus support?” Inside Counsel, February 5, 2015.
- “How to be an Effective Appellate Advocate: Top Tips from Justices and Research Attorneys,” Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 57, No. 2, February 2015.
- “The ins and outs of amicus briefing: The increasing influence of amicus briefs,” Inside Counsel, January 5, 2015.
- “Supreme Court Observations: ‘Dart Cherokee’ Eliminates the Presumption against Removal of Class Actions,” Guest Commentator, Washington Legal Foundation, December 19, 2014; also available at Forbes.com, December 19, 2014.
- “Justices Jump the Gun on Certiorari: DIGs and the Rise of the Amicus Brief,” Los Angeles Daily Journal, Vol. 127, No. 223, November 17, 2014.
- “The Value Proposition of Including Appellate Counsel on the Trial Team,” Orange County Business Journal, November 17, 2014.
- “Civics education leads to a fair bench,” Daily Journal, September 22, 2014. Available online at the Informed Voters Project website.
- “Great Lawyering: Lessons from Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler,” Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 56, No. 8, August 2014.
- “Keeping Current: Medtronic, Inc. v. Mirowski Family Ventures, LLC, 134 S. Ct. 843 (2014),” Co-Author, Business Law Today, May 2014.
- “The Path to the Bench: Interviews with Women Appellate Judges,” Editor/Interviewer, ABA Woman Advocate Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 2, Winter 2014.
- “Women Justices Speak Out: On Mentoring, Leadership, and Effective Advocacy,” Editor/Interviewer, ABA Woman Advocate Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 2, Winter 2014.
- “The IADC Amicus Brief Program: Its Increasing Success and Influence,” Defense Counsel Journal, Vol. 81, No. 1, January 2014.
- “The Art of Dissent,” Appellate Issues Newsletter of the ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers, at 34, January 2014.
- “Finding Your Calling: Pro Bono as the Path to New Practice Areas,” ABA Woman Advocate Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 1, Fall 2013.

- “Oral Advocacy and Record Preservation: A Judge’s Perspective,” International Association of Defense Counsel Appellate Committee Newsletter, February 2013.
- “Smoldering embers in Belfast may soon reach US justices,” Co-Author, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Vol. 126, No. 017, January 25, 2013.
- “And After All That Work! The Dreaded U.S. Supreme Court ‘DIG,’” The Legal Pulse, Washington Legal Foundation, January 31, 2013.
- “On The Merits: American Express v. Italian Colors Restaurants,” Co-Author, Washington Legal Foundation, January 2013.
- “California Supreme Court Sets New Standards for Expert Testimony,” Contributing Author, The Legal Pulse, Washington Legal Foundation, December 5, 2012.
- “The Perils of Oversharing: Can the Attorney-Client Privilege be Broadly Waived by Partially Disclosing Attorney Communications During Negotiations?” CoAuthor, Defense Counsel Journal, Vol. 79, No. 3, July 2012.
- “A year post-‘Dukes,’” Co-Author, The Recorder, July 23, 2012.
- “The Limited Power of California Courts to Compel Witness Attendance at In-State Depositions,” Daily Journal, August 15, 2011.
- “Class action on the ropes: The Supreme Court’s decision in ‘Wal-Mart’ could result in more cases being filed in state courts,” Co-Author, The Recorder, July 18, 2011.
- “U.S. Supreme Court Issues Landmark Decision Rejecting Class Certification in Wal-Mart v. Dukes,” Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 24, 2011).
- “Appellate Oral Argument: A Primer in Two Parts,” Daily Journal, Jan. 4 and 5, 2011. Reprinted in IADC Appellate Practice Committee Newsletter, July 2011.
- “Effective Advocacy Through Amicus Briefs,” Daily Journal, June 28, 2010. “The Science Behind Judicial Decisionmaking,” Daily Journal, April 23, 2010.
- “A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed: The Increased Prevalence and Influence of Amicus Briefs,” IADC Appellate Practice Committee Newsletter, March 2010.
- “Make Your Briefs Tell A Winning Story: Ten Techniques From Creative Writing,” California Civil Litigation Reporter, Vol. 31, No. 2, at 46, April 2009.
- “Limiting Manufacturers’ Duty to Warn: The Sophisticated User and Purchaser Doctrines,” Co-Author, 76 IADC Defense Counsel Journal, at 196, April 2009.

## **Representative Matters**

### *Arbitration*

- *Ridgeway v. Nabors Completion & Production Services Co.*, 725 Fed. App’x 472 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2018)
- *Visiting Nurses Association v. Jupiter Medical Center* (2015) \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 135 S.Ct. 2052

### *Assumption of the Risk*

- *Nalwa v. Cedar Fair* (2012) 55 Cal.4th 1148

### *Attorney-Client Privilege and Discovery*

- *Center for Auto Safety v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 247 Ariz. 567 (Ct. App. 2019)
- *Center Partners, Ltd. v. Growth Head GP, LLC* 2012 IL 113107, 981 N.E.2d 345 (2012)

### *Business Disputes*

- *Sweet People Apparel, Inc., v. Phoenix Fibers, Inc.*, 748 F. App’x 123 (9<sup>th</sup> 2019)
- *Kaul v. Mentor Graphics Corp.*, 730 F. App’x 437 (9<sup>th</sup> 2018)

### *Employment/Franchise*

- *Epic Systems v. Lewis* (2018) \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 138 S.Ct. 1612
- *Patterson v. Domino's* (2014) 60 Cal.4th 474
- *Brunner v. Liautaud* (N.D. Ill., Apr. 8, 2015) 2015 WL 1598106
- *Advanced Bionics Corp v. Medtronic, Inc.* (2012) 29 Cal.4th 697
- *Lewellen v. Molina Healthcare, Inc.* (Cal.App.2d Dist., Jan. 28, 2015, B250557) 2015 WL 357149

#### *First Amendment and Anti-SLAPP*

- *IMDb.com Inc. v. Becerra*, (Ninth Circuit Case No. 18-15463) (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2020) \_\_\_ F. 3d\_\_\_
- *Courthouse News Service v. Yamasaki* (Ninth Circuit Case Nos. 17-56331, 18-56216) (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2020)
- *Sedlock v. Baird* (2015) 235 Cal.App.4th 874
- *Hurvitz v. Hoefflin* (2000) 84 Cal.App.4th 1232
- *CTIA – The Wireless Association v. City and County of San Francisco* (Ninth Circuit Case Nos. 11-17707, 11-17773) (September 10, 2012) (mem. dispo.)
- *Sander v. State Bar* (2013) 58 Cal. 4th 300

#### *Government*

- *SoCal Recovery LLC v. City of Costa Mesa*, (Ninth Circuit Case No. 19-56077) (9<sup>th</sup> 2020)

#### *Pleading Standards*

- *Thrifty Payless, Inc. v. Americana at Brand, LLC* (2013) 218 Cal.App.4th 1230

#### *Probate*

- *Karamooz v. Karamooz*, No. G054712, 2019 WL 4786958 (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 1, 2019), review denied (Dec. 18, 2019)
- *In re Estate of Duke* (2015) 61 Cal.4th 871

#### *Professional Liability*

- *Southwest Nonprofit Housing Corp. v. Nowak* (2014) 234 Ariz. 387, 322 P.3d 204

#### *Toxic Tort, Product Liability and Expert Testimony*

- *Kim v. Toyota* (2018) 6 Cal.5th 21
- *Bixby v. KBR, Inc.* (May 14, 2015) 603 Fed.Appx. 605, 2015 WL 2242170, mem. dispo.
- *Stengel v. Medtronic* (9th Cir. 2012) 686 F.3d 1121
- *Johnson v. Honeywell International, Inc.* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 549
- *Johnson v. American Standard* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 56
- *Lockheed Martin v. Superior Court* (2003) 29 Cal.4th 1096
- *Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway v. United States* (2009) 129 S.Ct. 1870, 556 U.S. 599
- *Dee v. PCS Property Management* (2009) 174 Cal.App.4th 390
- *Geffcken v. D'Andrea* (2006) 137 Cal.App.4th 1298
- *In re Lockheed Litigation Cases* (2005) 23 Cal.Rptr.3d 762
- *Jennings v. Palomar Pomerado Health Systems* (2003) 114 Cal.App.4th 1108
- *Stewart v. Union Carbide* (2010) 190 Cal.App.4th 23

#### *Venue and Jurisdiction*

- *Porter v. Nabors Drilling USA, L.P.*, 854 F.3d 1057 (9th Cir. 2017)
- *Viking Global Equities, L.P. v. Porsche Automobil Holding SE* (1st Dep't, 2012) 101 A.D.3d 640, 958

N.Y.S.2d 35

- *Toyota Motor Corp. v. Superior Court (Stewart)* (2011) 197 Cal.App.4th 1107

#### Warranty

- *Donlen v. Ford Motor Co.* (2013) 217 Cal.App.4th 138
- *Revious v. Ford Motor Co.* (Cal.App.5th Dist., Sept. 4, 2012, F062211) 2012 WL 3801558

#### Pro Bono

- *Fierro v. Smith*, 731 F. App'x 652 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2018)
- *Jameson v. Desta* (2018) \_\_Cal.5th \_\_
- *Cassier v. Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection Foundation* 862 F.3d 951 (9th Cir. 2017)
- *Bringas-Rodriguez v. Sessions*, 850 F.3d 1051 (9th Cir. 2017) (*en banc*)
- *Moloney v. U.S.* (2013) 133 S.Ct. 1796
- *Jessica Lenahan (Gonzales) v. United States*, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Case No. 12.626 (Merits Report No. 80/11 dated July 21, 2011, made public August 17, 2011)
- *Campo Algodonero* (case of Gonzales et al. "Cotton Field cases") v. *Mexico*, Case Nos. 12.496, 12.497 and 12.498 (Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Nov. 6, 2009)
- *U.S. v. Morrison* (2000) 529 U.S. 598
- *Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education* (1999) 526 U.S. 629
- *U.S. v. Lanier* (1999) 520 U.S. 259

#### Publications

- Five Motions to Consider in Your Next Federal Appeal, *American Bar Association*, June 3, 2021
- Year in Review: Notable Civil Cases From the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, *Orange County Lawyer Magazine*, January 6, 2021
- 2019 to 2020 in Review: Notable Civil Cases From the California Supreme Court, *Orange County Lawyer Magazine*, October 1, 2020

#### Presentations

- Panelist, "Fundamentals of Oral Advocacy on Appeal," ABA Section of Litigation Appellate Practice Committee, December 10, 2020
- Panelist, "Appellate Oral Argument The Judge's Perspective," Orange County Bar Association Live Webinar, November 10, 2020
- Speaker, "Discussion with Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient Mary-Christine Sungaila," Pepperdine Law School International Law Society, November 2, 2020
- Speaker, "COVID-19 and the Courts," Berkeley Law Symposium cohosted with The RAND Corporation, October 1, 2020
- Speaker, "The Year in Review: Key Decisions by the U.S. and California Supreme Courts," OCBA Corporate Counsel Section Webinar, September 8, 2020
- Moderator, "Jobs in Appellate Law," Orange County Bar Association Law Student Summer Appellate Academy, August 7, 2020

#### Webinars

- "Strafford Webinar: Federal Appeals and Motions Practice in U.S. Circuit Courts," February 16, 2021

#### Education



Ms. Sungaila earned her J.D. from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law, in 1991. She earned her B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University in 1988, *with distinction, Honors in Humanities*. Ms. Sungaila served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1993-1994, as well as the Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, from 1991-1992. She was an Extern to the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1990.

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### **Bar Admissions**

- California

### **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of California
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois