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Sandra K. Wootton, a complex business litigation attorney, is a partner with RMKB in Los Angeles. Ms. Wootton's practice focuses on representing a variety of middle market companies, including, architects, engineers, contractors and product manufacturers. Her experience also includes employment, anti-trust, real estate and professional malpractice matters (with a particular emphasis on design professionals). Ms. Wootton has trial, arbitration and mediation experience.

In 2008, 2010 and 2011, Ms. Wootton was honored by her peers in being selected for listing in the *Southern California Super Lawyers Magazine-Rising Stars Edition*, which lists the top 2.5 percent of noteworthy attorneys in Los Angeles and Orange counties. She is a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Diversity in the Profession Committee for the Los Angeles County Bar Association and an executive board member of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Southern California Chapter. Ms. Wootton has also been active as an alumni for Southwestern Law School where she frequently returns to speak to students on various issues and where she has also been a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Ms. Wootton is also active in her local community serving on various committees for the Greater San Fernando Chamber of Commerce and also devotes her time to a number of other local worthy causes.

Born in Sacramento, California, Ms. Wootton earned a bachelors degree from the University of California, San Diego. Thereafter, she received her law degree from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. While in law school, Ms. Wootton was the recipient of the John J. Schumacher Minority Leader Scholarship Award and also was a best writer alternate finalist for Southwestern Law School's Moot Court Intramural Competition.

Practice Areas

- ▣ Business And Commercial Litigation
- ▣ Construction
- ▣ Environmental
- ▣ Product Liability
- ▣ Professional Liability
- ▣ Contract/UCC
- ▣ Governmental Entity Liability

Education

- ▣ University of California, San Diego, 1998 B.A.

- Southwestern Law School, 2002 J.D.

Court Admissions

- California
- USDC: Central District of California
- USDC: Southern District of California

Memberships & Associations

- AIA, Los Angeles Chapter
- Committee Member 2010-2011, Diversity in the Profession, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
- RMKB's Diversity Committee
- Second Vice President, National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Southern California Chapter, 2012
- State Bar of California

Representative Experience

Practice Area: Entertainment

Key Issues: Defamation, Slander, and Trade Libel

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Plaintiff- Doctor

Represented individual in a high profile slander and trade libel case.

Result:

Defendant's motion was denied by the court on the basis of the opposition papers we had written.

Practice Area:

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Represented a well-known literary manager in prosecuting claims against an unlicensed contractor.

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Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Represented a well-known literary manager in prosecuting claims against an unlicensed contractor.

Practice Area: Real Estate

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Represented a well-known actress in prosecuting her claims arising out of the construction and purchase of her home.

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Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Architect

Represented an architect against malpractice claims arising out of the design and construction of a medical center.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Riverside County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Mechanical Engineer

Represented a mechanical engineer against malpractice claims arising out of the design and construction of a government building.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Architect

The Plaintiff alleged that he was injured at a convention center due to design errors and/or omissions and construction defects.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Riverside County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Mechanical Engineer

Represented a mechanical engineer against malpractice claims arising out of the design and construction of a government building.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Attorney

Represented an attorney against malpractice claims.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement for a waiver of monetary discovery sanctions awarded to

our client.

Practice Area: Catastrophic/Personal Injury

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant

Represented a driver against claims by the other driver.

Result:

The matter was resolved favorably through settlement.

Practice Area: Product Liability

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant

Represented a window manufacturer against product defect claims filed by numerous homeowners.

Result:

The matter was favorably resolved through settlement for a waiver of costs.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Los Angeles County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Architect

The Plaintiff alleged that she was injured while visiting a theater due to design errors and/or omissions and construction defects.

Result:

Our motion for summary judgment was granted and judgment was entered in favor of our client.

Practice Area: Professional Liability

Venue: Ventura County Superior Court

Client Type: Defendant-Civil Engineer

Represented a civil engineer against malpractice claims.

Result:

Our motion for summary judgment was granted and judgment was entered in favor of our client.

Practice Area: Unfair Competition

Venue: USDC: Southern District of California

Client Type: Defendant-Driver.

We represented a health care service provider against a manufacturer's anti-trust claims. The Plaintiff alleged that the Defendants (a distributor and another manufacturer) conspired to monopolize the market.

Result:

Our motion for summary judgment was granted and judgment was entered in favor of our client.

Practice Area: Contract/UCC

Venue: Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Client Type: Plaintiff

Result:

After we obtained an order to attach Defendants' artworks due to defendant's breach of promissory note, the matter was favorably resolved through settlement.

Publications

- Author, Why High-End Buyers of Real Estate Need to Be Cautious, *San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journal*, 9/16/2011
- Author, New Ruling Modifies *Privette* Case Law: *Seabright Insurance Company v. U.S. Airways, Inc.*, *Insurance Case Alert*, 8/23/2011
- Author, Redesigning Defense and Indemnity Obligations, *The Recorder*, 10/25/2010
- Author, Changes in the Law for Design Professionals: Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 972 (effective January 1, 2011), 10/05/2010

Speaking Engagements

- Insurance & Casualty Litigation 2011 - 2012: The Year in Review, May 23, 2012
- Insurance & Casualty Litigation 2011 - 2012: The Year in Review, May 22, 2012

News

- Hanger Kicks Prosthetic Knee Antitrust Suit, *Law 360*, 10/3/2011
- On The Move, *The Recorder*, 8/23/2010
- Two Attorneys Elected to Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley's Partnership in Los Angeles and New York, 8/5/2010