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Main Bio

Amy Sorenson is a regional civil litigator, defending business litigation matters in Utah, Nevada and California at trial, in arbitration and on appeal. Her complex commercial litigation practice includes general business litigation claims in the federal and state courts, including dealer termination litigation and arbitrations, False Claims Act lawsuits, non-compete, contract and unfair competition claims, business torts and intellectual property and professional liability claims for a wide variety of businesses and industries.

Amy also co-chairs the firm's Financial Services Litigation group, and manages and defends financial services clients in regional defense programs involving high-volume and pattern litigation. Her financial services litigation experience extends to the representation of lenders, servicers and other financial industry clients in a wide variety of litigation matters including lien priority disputes, servicing errors, origination claims, consumer disputes, statutory foreclosure mediations and petitions for judicial review, SEC receiverships, probate matters, fiduciary litigation, qui tam claims, MERS issues and HOA disputes.

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (J.D., 1997)
 - California Public Employee Relations Journal, Berkeley, California (1995-1997)
 - Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award, White Collar Crime (1996)
 - Recipient, Dragonette Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Civil Litigation Trial Practice (1997)
 - Recipient, Prosser Prize, Civil Trial Practice (1997)
- Yale University (B.A., English, cum laude, with distinction, 1994)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Utah State Bar
- Women Lawyers of Utah
- Network of Trial Law Firms, Executive Committee (2018-present)
- Federal Bar Association, Utah Chapter, President (2010)
- Salt Lake County Bar Association, President (2014-2015)
- Snell & Wilmer Women's Initiative, Co-Chair, Co-Founder (2013-2016)

- Snell & Wilmer Attorney Development Committee (2005-2008, 2011-2014)
- Snell & Wilmer Ethics Committee (2002-2006)
- Snell & Wilmer Hiring Committee (2002-2005)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- Internal Investigations – Culture, Process, Ethics," Panel Moderator, Snell & Wilmer Corporate Counsel Forum (March 2019)
- "In-House Counsel Pro Bono Programs: Overcoming Practical Issues and Addressing Ethical Concerns," Presenter, Network of Trial Law Firms CLE, New York, NY (August 2018)
- "The Second Labor of Hercules - Battling Government Investigations," Panel Moderator, Network of Trial Law Firms CLE, Laguna Beach, CA (April 2018)
- "Law Firm Management: Attracting and Retaining the Right Talent," Panel Speaker, Women Lawyers of Utah, Advancement Pledge Series (February 2018)
- "After the Worst Happens: The Punitive Damages Award on Appeal", Speaker, Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management Supercourse, Kiawah Island, SC (October 2016)
- "Punitives Slashed in Wyoming Carbon Monoxide Case: In a win for tort reformers, an appellate court embraces a 1-1 ratio of punitive compensatory damages," Featured, The American Lawyer (May 2016)
- "How Do Law Firms Retain Women, and Why It Matters," Panel Speaker, Utah State Bar 2016 Spring Convention, St. George, UT (March 11, 2016)
- "Arbitration Agreements and Practice from a Litigator's Perspective," Panel Moderator, Snell & Wilmer Corporate Counsel Forum (March 24, 2015)
- Trial Academy (Faculty), Utah State Bar Fall Forum (November 21, 2014)
- "Standing in the Shoes of the Government – The Rise In Qui Tam Litigation," Panelist, Snell & Wilmer Corporate Counsel Forum (September 27, 2013)
- "Managing High Volume and Pattern Litigation," Panel Moderator, Litigation Management: The Company in Crisis Supercourse, Network of Trial Lawyers (May 3, 2013)
- "Debriefing: Utah Residential Foreclosure Litigation," Speaker, Utah State Bar Convention, Sun Valley, ID (July 2012)
- "Professionalism for Inhouse Counsel: An Overview," Speaker, Association of Corporate Counsel Ethics at the End CLE, Salt Lake City, UT (December 2011)
- "Rantings of a Partner ... and Pushback from the Associate," Chapter Author: Moving the Court, First Chair Press (July 15, 2011)
- "Best Practices: Trying Your Case in Federal Court," Moderator, Federal Bar Association Tri-State Seminar, Park City, UT (September 2010)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Litigation: General Commercial (2017-2019)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2014-2016, 2018-2020)
- 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Technology, The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel (June 2013)

- Utah's Legal Elite: Civil Litigation, Utah Business Magazine (2007-2009, 2012-2015, 2017-2019)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Civil Litigation: Defense (2013-2019)
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers (2014-2015, 2018-2019)
 - Top 100 (2018)
 - Rising Stars Edition (2012)
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow (2009-present)

Community Involvement

- Utah Access to Justice Commission, Co-Chair (2018-present)
- Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake, President, Board of Directors, Executive Committee (2004-2018)

Other Professional Experience

- Latham & Watkins, Associate, San Francisco, CA

Bar Admissions

- Utah
- Nevada
- California

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- Supreme Court of California
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Court, District of Utah
- United States District Court, District of Nevada
- United States District Court, All Districts of California
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit