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Main Bio

Amy Sorenson is a regional civil litigator with more than 20 years of experience defending businesses in Utah, Nevada and California at trial, in arbitration and on appeal. She focuses her practice in financial services litigation as well as complex commercial litigation spanning a variety of industries and practice areas. Amy also has experience leading internal investigations.

Financial Services Litigation

Amy manages and defends financial services clients in regional defense programs involving high-volume and pattern litigation. Her financial services litigation experience also extends to the representation of lenders, servicers and other financial industry clients in a wide variety of commercial and consumer matters including qui tam claims, origination claims, consumer disputes, SEC receiverships, probate matters, MERS issues and commercial real estate disputes.

Complex Commercial Litigation

Amy has tried cases to verdict in the state and federal courts, as well as before the American Arbitration Association. Her complex commercial litigation practice includes general business litigation claims in the federal and state trial courts and on appeal, including dealer termination, False Claims Act lawsuits, breach of fiduciary duty, Lanham Act claims, non-compete, contract and unfair competition claims, business torts and intellectual property and professional liability claims for a wide variety of businesses and industries.

Internal Investigations

Amy assists companies when legal challenges arise from government or industry action or proposed action, employee, class and whistle-blower claims, and other circumstances involving business-threatening conflict and crisis management for business sectors including higher education, healthcare and sports. Amy also advises businesses concerning compliance matters and related corporate policies.

Leadership

Amy is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and serves as co-chair of the firm's Financial Services Litigation practice group. Additionally, Amy co-founded and previously co-chaired the Snell & Wilmer Women's Initiative in order to further the firm's commitment to supporting, retaining and promoting women attorneys.

Representative Experience

- Represented multifamily property management company in federal lawsuit involving Lanham Act, unfair competition, intentional interference and breach of fiduciary duty claims
- Represented global media company in litigation concerning software implementation and breach of contract, fraud, concealment claims and counterclaims under California law
- Represented commercial property owner and manager in appeal of personal injury punitive damages judgment in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Represented financial institution in federal False Claims Act lawsuit and on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Represented secured creditor-financial institution in federal receivership action
- Represent multinational technology company in federal court involving breach of contract and copyright infringement claims concerning open source operating system

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

- University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law, Adjunct Professor (2021-2022)
- Network of Trial Law Firms, Executive Committee (2018-Present)
 - President (2021-2022)
- Federal Bar Association, Utah Chapter, President (2010)
- Salt Lake County Bar Association, President (2014-2015)
- Chair, Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, United States District Court, District of Utah, Northern Region (2018-2020)
- Women Lawyers of Utah (Present)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "The Federal False Claims Act: Civil War Statute, Present Day Penalties," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 8, 2021)
- "[The Federal False Claims Act: Civil War Statute, Present Day Penalties](#)," Episode Host, CalCurrent Podcast (April 1, 2021)
- "Hindsight Is 2020: Looking Ahead to Loan Workouts, Financial Litigation Trends and More," Presenter, Colorado Bankers Association Webinar (December 16, 2020)
- "[Nev. Lenders Must Brace For The Next Wave Of Foreclosures](#)," Co-Author, Law360 (October 6, 2020)

- "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

- Distinguished Service Award, Federal Bar Association, Utah State Bar (2021)
- Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Litigation: General Commercial (2017-2022)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2014-2016, 2018-2023)
- 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Technology, The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel (June 2013)
- Utah's Legal Elite: Civil Litigation (2007-2009, 2012-2015, 2017-2019, 2021-2022), Commercial Litigation (2020) Utah Business Magazine
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Civil Litigation: Defense (2013-2022)
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers (2014-2015, 2018-2022)

- Top 100 (2018, 2021-2022)
- Rising Stars Edition (2012)
- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior 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)

Previous Professional Experience

- Latham & Watkins, Associate, San Francisco, CA (1997-2000)

Bar Admissions

- California
- Nevada
- Utah

Court Admissions

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