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Associate

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Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation

Admissions

- California
- Nevada
- U.S. District Court of California

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of California Los Angeles (B.A. 2008)

Associations

- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley, Internal Vice President/ Executive Board of Directors, 2020-2024
- National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys, President-Elect, Board of Directors, 2020 – present
- Vietnamese American Professional Women of Silicon Valley, Board Member
- Santa Clara County Bar Association, Member

Lindsey Pho is an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Group and Corporate practice groups. She provides transactional work, including drafting both internal and third-party agreements. She also counsels her clients regarding intellectual property issues, trademarks and copyrights, and employment matters. Lindsey has years of experience in corporate litigation, in both federal and state courts, involving a wide spectrum of matters including patent and trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, wage and hour violations, breach of contract disputes and related tort actions.

Growing up and working in the Silicon Valley has provided Lindsey with a unique opportunity to work with many innovative clients, including those in the High Tech, entertainment, apparel, e-commerce, and food & beverage industries. Her primary goal is to find the most efficient and cost-effective means to resolve a dispute or problem for her clients.

She is on the Board of Directors for the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley, the National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys, and the Vietnamese American Professional Women of Silicon Valley. When not serving her clients, you can find Lindsey hiking, biking, snowboarding, skiing, or traveling the world – she has been to 30 countries. In April 2016, she became a certified yoga instructor.

Noteworthy

- General business counseling, including formation of corporations and limited liability companies, trademark registrations; Drafted legal memorandum re employee exempt eligibility analysis
- Successfully represented commercial property owner in settlement of a lot line/easement dispute with commercial tenant neighbor
- Lead attorney on a variety of breach of contract cases; Resolved a dispute between our client and her business partner over the purchase of a spa through negotiations, avoiding expensive litigation
- Successfully won a summary judgment in favor of client in a conspiracy to defraud claim to eliminate the cause of action against the client, prompting a favorable settlement shortly before trial
- Successfully opposed Motions to Dismiss, Motion for Temporary Receiver, and Application for Writ of Attachment in U.S. District Courts
- Obtained a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against bank to stop client's home from being sold in foreclosure sale; Kept client from losing her home by alleging violations of the California Homeowner Bill of Rights
- Defended commercial property owners in federal cases regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Represented homeowner's association in an assessment collection which settled; Researched Davis-Stirling Act and enforcement of CC&Rs
- Participated in multi-million dollar estate litigation involving ownership of multiple business entities

Awards

- 2022 Rising Star by Super Lawyers
- 2022, 2023 Top Attorneys in Northern California Rising Stars by San Francisco Magazine
- 2022, 2023 Top Women Attorneys in Northern California Rising Stars by San Francisco Magazine
- 2023 Hot List by lawyersofcolor.org
- 2023 Top Attorneys by SM Network
- 2022 Community Impact Award as Board Member of VAPW (issued by VABANC)
- 2024 Business Impact Honoree as Board Member of APABA Silicon Valley (issued by Asian Law Alliance)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- COVID-19 Relief Programs and Legal Considerations for Small Businesses – May 29, 2020
 - Provided an updated overview of key federal and state financial relief programs that are available to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19 as well as walk through legal considerations for business owners. Messner Reeves LLP will also share its pro-bono assistance program that is available to small business owners nationwide!
- Moderator – VAPW Fireside Chat with Dr. Laura Ngo and Judy Nguyen, O.D. – April 2021
- Independently planned and led seminar at NCVAA September 2022 (New York) – Mindfulness for Attorneys (CLE)
- Is Unauthorized Copying an Infringement or Fair Use? Are the Rules Different for Content and Tech? (CLE) – August 2023
- Moderator – Attorney Wellness Panel (CLE) – September 2023