



## April M. Cristal

Of Counsel

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April Cristal represents businesses and individuals in all aspects of civil litigation. April's practice focuses on defending clients in matters involving general liability, including personal injury and premises liability.

### Personal Injury

April is experienced in litigating personal injury matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. In her representation of defendants and plaintiffs, April has handled cases involving automobile accidents, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, child sexual abuse, and traumatic brain injury. She also represented a minor plaintiff in a child sexual abuse trial against a school district as second-chair trial counsel.

### Premises Liability

April has successfully handled premises liability matters, including securing summary judgment for a client on a complicated foreseeability issue.

### Education

- Chapman University School of Law (J.D., 2016)
  - Holly Frost Memorial Scholarship Recipient
  - Commitment to Public Service Award
  - National Association of Women Lawyers Award
  - Moot Court Board Member
  - Chapman University Graduate Student Council Cochair
  - Student Bar Association Academic and ABA Committee Chair
- San Francisco State University (B.A. English (Linguistics), 2013)

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

## **Bar Admissions**

- California

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

## **Professional Affiliations**

California Bar Association

## **Awards & Honors**

Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers® Southern California Rising Stars™, 2020–2022, 2024–2025

# **Representative Matters**

## **Personal Injury/Casualty Litigation**

Litigated civil jury trial to verdict as second chair, achieving favorable verdict for minor plaintiff in sexual abuse case against a school district.

Obtained summary judgment on all claims in a premises liability matter on a complicated foreseeability issue.

Obtained dismissal of all claims, including negligence, premises liability, and negligent hiring and retention, for an ice rink defendant. Plaintiff claimed ice rink failed to warn of figure skating coach's actions, resulting in abuse of plaintiff.

Successfully obtained dismissal of several actions on motions for terminating sanctions.

## **Business Litigation**

Represented businesses in actions involving collection of outstanding payments from other businesses for work tendered.