



## Doris Y. Shamoun

Of Counsel

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Doris Y. Shamoun is a California-licensed attorney with more than a decade of experience in the legal industry, with a strong focus on civil and criminal litigation. She has successfully handled a wide range of legal matters throughout all stages of litigation and is known for her diligent case management, strategic advocacy, and client-centered approach.

In recent years, Doris has expanded her practice into emerging areas of complex litigation, including toxic torts. She has achieved success representing clients in silicosis-related cases, demonstrating her ability to navigate evolving legal landscapes and effectively advocate in high-stakes matters involving occupational exposure and long-term injury claims.

Doris has developed a reputation for precision, strategy, and an unwavering commitment to achieving optimal outcomes for clients facing complex liability claims. A significant portion of her success lies in obtaining dismissals for clients early in the litigation process – particularly those not identified by plaintiffs during deposition. Through meticulous preparation and incisive questioning of the injured party, she consistently reveals the absence of product or site identification, which has led to the dismissal in numerous cases prior to trial and often without the need for costly expert discovery.

In addition to her legal practice, Doris is actively involved in the legal and broader communities. She is a member of the Assyrian American Bar Association and has served as an Attorney Judge for the Stanislaus County Mock Trial Competitions. Doris dedicates time to nonprofit leadership and advocacy, including work with Ramina's Memorial Corporation and the Assyrian National Council of Stanislaus.

### **Toxic Tort**

In recent years, Doris has concentrated her practice on complex toxic tort litigation

### **Services**

- Asbestos & Talc
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Engineered Stone
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Toxic Tort

primarily defending large corporations in asbestos and engineered stone cases. This work has involved navigating intricate scientific and regulatory issues, managing high-stakes litigation, and developing robust defense strategies in jurisdictions across the country. Her broad litigation experience and current focus on toxic torts reflect a commitment to excellence, through case preparation, and effective advocacy in some of the most challenging areas of civil defense.

In her toxic tort practice, Doris has achieved notable success by combining an aggressive litigation strategy with focused, early-stage case evaluation and negotiation. In multiple asbestos and silicosis cases, she conducted in-depth pre-trial investigations and used targets, incisive questioning during depositions to undermined plaintiffs' claims and expose evidentiary weaknesses. These efforts have directly led to early dismissals – saving clients substantial time and legal expense. In other matters, her strategic approach to initial case framing and negotiations has resulted in highly favorable settlements well below projected exposure, often resolving cases on terms that not only meet but exceed client expectations. These outcomes reflect a proactive, client-centered approach that priorities both risk mitigation and efficient resolution.

## **Education**

- Arizona Summit Law School (J.D., 2014)
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Trial Practice
  - Founder and President, Veterans Law Student Association
- Whittier College (B.A., 2011)
  - Thalian Society/Model UN/Student Government

## **Bar Admissions**

- California

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Assyrian American Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys of California Women's Caucus
- Assyrian National Council of Stanislaus

## **Languages**

- Assyrian

## Representative Matters

Secured the dismissal of a high-profile client in numerous asbestos cases in which they were named, and resolved many for below expectation/authority. Drawing on the ability to extract the salient points of a case, pursued a winning line of questioning at depositions, carefully and persistently searching plaintiffs' responses to propounded discovery, resulting in early dismissals. In addition, forms relationships with opposing counsel, frequently leading to negotiated settlements well below the authority granted.