



Hillary Arrow Booth

Partner

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Hillary Booth is a seasoned litigator and advisor who represents clients in jury trials, court trials, administrative hearings, arbitrations, and business transactions throughout California. Hillary devotes much of her practice to serving the transportation industry, with clients ranging from large national companies to small local trucking businesses. Her broad experience includes handling claims involving the transport of goods, lost or damaged freight, commercial vehicle accidents, heavy equipment accidents, and commercial lease disputes. Hillary's transportation work also includes advising and preparing contracts and agreements for shippers, brokers, and motor carriers related to freight transportation equipment leases, warehouse agreements, and service agreements used across multiple industries. Additionally, Hillary has extensive experience litigating disputes over complex financial agreements, particularly those used in the logistics industry.

A skilled trial lawyer and zealous advocate, Hillary has built a reputation for effectively handling employment-related disputes for transportation clients and others, including harassment and discrimination claims, employment misclassification, wage-and-hour disputes, safety and regulatory violations, negligence, and various tort claims. She also litigates commercial tenancy issues, business contract disputes, and business dissolutions.

Hillary's expertise extends to appellate matters. She has successfully handled post-trial motions and appeals, including appeals challenging summary judgment and various trial court orders.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Hillary was the managing partner at Booth LLP in Los Angeles, California, a firm she founded in 2012.

Services

- Transportation
- Employment & Labor
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

Education

- Southwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1986)
 - Moot Court Honors Program
 - American Trial Lawyers Association Trial Advocacy Competition
 - Dean's Honor List, 1984-1985
- California State University, Northridge (B.A. Economics, 1983)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

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

Professional Affiliations

- California Trucking Association, Past Chair of the Los Angeles-Orange Unit; Former Board of Directors Member
- Transportation Lawyers Association, President 2018–2019; Past Chair, Motor Carrier Committee; Chair, DEI Committee
- Conference of Freight Counsel
- Transportation Intermediaries Association
- Transportation Loss Prevention & Security Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Awards & Honors

Distinguished Service Award, Transportation Lawyers Association, 2012

Reported Opinions

Celtic Int'l, LLC v. J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., 234 F.Supp.3d 1034 (C.D. Cal. 2017)

Ample Bright Development, Ltd. v. Comis Intern., 913 F.Supp.2d 925 (C.D. Cal. 2012)

BreakZone Family Billiards v. The City of Torrance, 81 Cal.App.4th 1205 (2000)

Timberline, Inc. v. Jaisinghani, 54 Cal.App.4th 1361 (1997)

Thompson v. Jespersen, 222 Cal.App.3d 964 (2002)

Kruso v. International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., 872 F.2d 1416 (1989)

Representative Matters

Transportation

Obtained a defense jury verdict and judgment for a trucking company and its driver in a wrongful death case arising from a collision between a tractor-trailer and a bicycle.

Obtained judgment in a court trial for a shuttle bus transportation company on a negligence claim arising from an accident involving a police vehicle involved in a high-speed chase.

Employment & Labor

Obtained a reported appellate court decision finding that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Order preempting California meal and rest breaks for interstate drivers applied to a short-haul driver.

Obtained a jury verdict for an employer accused of discrimination and retaliation after discharging a commercial driver shortly after he returned to work after taking FMLA leave.

Successfully defended an employer accused of discrimination and intentional infliction of emotional distress, among other claims, by a driver who had been discharged for safety violations.

Obtained a favorable decision from the California Labor Commissioner after successfully arguing that a motor carrier client's independent contractors were, in fact, independent and not misclassified employees.

Successfully defended an employer accused of sexual harassment, thereafter, obtaining recovery of attorney fees for the client by establishing that the claims were frivolous.

Obtained a favorable decision from the California Labor Commission after successfully arguing that a commercial driver who stayed within a one-mile radius was properly classified as an interstate driver.

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