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Katharine Burlington is an experienced and aggressive litigator who defends cases from inception to resolution. With extensive experience in mediation, arbitration, and trial, Katharine's particular practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including but not limited to real estate, construction, contracts, employment, and hospitality. With a wealth of experience, Katharine has earned a reputation as a reliable and strategic legal professional known for her skill in handling complex legal matters and high-stakes litigation for a diverse range of clients. She has represented some of the nation's largest Fortune 500 companies; real estate developers; public entities; and energy and construction companies throughout California.

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2018)
 - Dean's Honor Scholar
 - Executive Moot Court Board
- University of California, San Diego (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2014)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

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

Services

- Construction
- Municipal/Local Government
- Appellate

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Affiliations

- San Diego County Bar Association
- San Diego Defense Lawyers
- California Bar Association
- Enright Inn of Court

Awards & Honors

Selected for inclusion in San Diego Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2025-2026

Client Wins

Cole & Burlington Secure Summary Judgment for Big-Rig Client

Kammann Cole (Partner-San Diego, CA) and Katharine Burlington (Associate-San Diego, CA) secured summary judgment on behalf of a commercial trucking company resulting in full dismissal. Three minor successors in interest had asserted negligence claims and issued a policy-limits settlement demand following a motor vehicle accident involving the decedent and the client's big rig. At the time of the collision, the decedent was under the influence, unlicensed, and had a prior felony conviction for unsafe vehicle operation. Kammann and Katharine successfully negotiated voluntary dismissals from two of the plaintiffs, while the third refused. They then moved for summary judgment in Riverside County Superior Court, which was granted in full, eliminating all claims against the client.