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Leilah A. Rodriguez represents corporate and institutional clients in complex civil litigation involving catastrophic personal injury and high-exposure liability matters. Her practice focuses on defending claims arising from transportation-related incidents, including those involving emerging mobility platforms, as well as broader general liability disputes.

Leilah brings a strong background in complex civil litigation, with experience spanning product liability, toxic torts, class actions, and mass tort proceedings. Before joining Wilson Elser, she played a key role in high-stakes, multijurisdictional litigation, including nationally coordinated matters and bellwether cases. Her work included managing discovery strategy, defending depositions, and preparing cases for trial in matters involving significant personal injury allegations. Her experience also includes representing clients in sensitive, high-impact cases requiring careful client management and trauma-informed advocacy. This background informs her ability to handle transportation-related injury claims with both precision and awareness of the human elements involved.

She has also worked on legislative and policy initiatives aimed at shaping litigation frameworks and strengthening procedural protections in complex cases.

Leilah's earlier experience with the Office of General Counsel at the United States Agency for International Development further informs her approach to representing institutional clients. There, she focused on regulatory compliance and risk management for large-scale federal and international programs, developing a foundation in proactive legal strategy, stakeholder coordination, and disciplined problem-solving – skills she now applies in defending sophisticated clients in high-exposure litigation.

Education

- University of California, Irvine School of the Law (J.D., 2023)
- University of Southern California (B.A. International Relations, *cum laude*, 2018)
 - Minor in Communication Policy & Law

Services

- Transportation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty

- Trustee Scholar

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

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

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County
- Arab American Lawyers Association of Southern California