



## Mercedes LaPorchia

Associate

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Mercedes LaPorchia focuses her practice on complex litigation claims related to transportation and contractual matters associated with the trucking industry, in addition to catastrophic injury, construction defect, commercial disputes, and other claims involving general liability. Mercedes litigates matters from inception through resolution and effectively handles fact and expert discovery, dispositive motion practice, settlement negotiations, and trial preparation. She has achieved certification in Wilson Elser's rigorous Mock Trial Invitational, through which our most successful trial lawyers impart their knowledge to those destined to join their ranks.

### General Liability

Mercedes has successfully settled multiple wrongful death, automobile accident, premises liability, construction defect and other general liability cases within policy limits, even in cases where the claimed damages exceeded those limits.

### Education

- Whittier Law School (J.D., 2015)
  - Trial Advocacy Honors Board
- University of Southern California (M.A. Education, 2012)
- Ashford University (B.A. Social Science, 2011)

### Bar Admissions

- Arizona

### Court Admissions

### Services

- Transportation
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty

- Superior Court of Arizona

## **Representative Matters**

Prevailed on summary judgment motion that was affirmed on appeal, in a negligence action where it was alleged client caused property damage when delivering supplies to plaintiff's home.

Obtained a defense verdict in a personal injury action where the arbitrator found that plaintiff failed to meet their burden of proof regarding liability and damages.