



## Vanessa P. Natividad

Of Counsel

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Vanessa Natividad is a civil litigator specializing in toxic torts and commercial general liability matters. She represents multinational corporations in a range of complex legal matters. In addition, Vanessa's professional repertoire includes extensive experience in general liability, automobile liability, professional liability, personal injury litigation, real estate litigation, business and commercial, landlord-tenant disputes, civil liberties, bad faith insurance and family law. She adeptly navigates these various areas of practice, gaining a reputation for her meticulous approach and unwavering dedication to her clients' interests.

Vanessa has the ability to distill complex legal matters into clear, understandable language for clients. This skill not only sets her apart but also is instrumental in building trust and rapport with those she represents. She approaches each situation with deliberation and clarity.

Vanessa's ability to navigate intricate business dealings with precision and diligence underscores her versatility as an attorney adept in her various areas of practice and in case resolution overall. Known for her strategic acumen, attention to detail and nuanced understanding of complex legal frameworks, she consistently champions settlements and case resolutions that not only safeguard her clients' interests but also preserve valuable resources by averting protracted litigation.

### **Community Involvement & Social Justice**

Beyond the legal disputes and courtroom battles, Vanessa's commitment to community and social justice shines brightly. Since early in her career, she has dedicated more than 600 hours of her time to pro bono work, providing critical legal services to vulnerable individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking. Her advocacy extends far beyond legal counsel; Vanessa became a steadfast ally, offering support and empowerment to those navigating the complexities of

### **Services**

- Asbestos & Talc
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Engineered Stone
- Toxic Tort

the legal system amidst personal crises. Her pro bono efforts not only provide essential legal representation but also contribute to broader efforts in advancing social justice and protecting marginalized communities.

## Education

- Whittier Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010)
  - Certificate in International and Comparative Law, *magna cum laude*
- University of California, San Diego (B.A. Political Science and History, 2007)

## Bar Admissions

- California

## Court Admissions

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

# Client Wins

### **Praw and Natividad Prevail on Motion for Summary Adjudication for Stone Countertop Retailer**

Joshua Praw (Of Counsel-Los Angeles/San Francisco) and Vanessa Natividad (Of Counsel-Los Angeles/San Francisco) prevailed on a motion for summary adjudication in Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, on behalf of a stone countertop distributor in Orange County. The plaintiff, a career stone cutter, was diagnosed with silicosis. He sued our client, among dozens of defendants, alleging the client supplied him with natural and engineered stone slabs that he subsequently worked on or around. He further alleged that the slabs released respirable crystalline silica that he inhaled, causing him to develop silicosis. Of the causes of action against our client, the plaintiff alleged that the client fraudulently concealed the dangers of the products. Joshua and Vanessa successfully brought a motion for summary adjudication on the cause of action for fraudulent concealment, resolving that claim in our client's favor.

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Joshua Praw (Of Counsel-Los Angeles/San Francisco) and Vanessa Natividad (Of Counsel-Los Angeles/San Francisco) secured summary adjudication in Los Angeles Superior Court for Wilson Elser's client, a stone countertop retailer in Los Angeles County. The plaintiff, a career stone cutter, was diagnosed with silicosis. He sued our client, among dozens of defendants, alleging that the client supplied him with natural and engineered stone slabs that he subsequently worked on or around, and that these slabs released respirable crystalline silica, which he inhaled, causing his silicosis. As to the causes of action specifically brought against our client, the plaintiff alleged that the client failed to warn him of the danger, fraudulently concealed the dangers of the products, and sought punitive damages against the client. Joshua and Vanessa brought a motion for summary adjudication regarding the allegations of failure to warn, fraudulent concealment,

and the prayer for punitive damages. Wilson Elser's motion for summary adjudication on all three issues was granted.