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Kate Hartman is an Equity Partner with CTSC. She is a versatile litigator whose practice areas include wage and hour law, employment litigation, class actions, consumer fraud, business litigation, and general liability. Kate works with her clients to obtain the best result possible. A tenacious advocate, Kate has benefited her clients by winning motions for summary judgment, defeating class certification, and winning class certification motions. Kate has successfully litigated cases through jury and bench trials in state and federal court as well as in private arbitration. She even prevailed on an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Kate credits much of her success to her family and the opportunity she had to work as an extern for the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. During her externship she received practical experience in evaluating issues that has helped her throughout her career. She is very grateful for this opportunity.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation; Class Actions; Complex Litigation; Consumer Fraud; Employment Law; General Liability; Wage and Hour

INDUSTRIES

Restaurant & Hospitality, Education, Non-Profit & Religious

EDUCATION

J. D. Western State University College of Law
B.A. Chapman University

ADMISSIONS

California State Bar 2002; United States Supreme Court; United States District Courts for the Southern, Central, and Eastern Districts; Pro Hac Vice admission granted in the District Court of Minnesota and Georgia State Court

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE AND SETTLEMENTS

Bernadette Gonzalez v. Briad Restaurant Group, L.L.C., 2016 WL 399785 (Los Angeles County Super. Ct. No. B260583; Feb. 2, 2016).

Extern, Judge Warren Ferguson, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Wright v. Linkus (E.D. Cal. July 29, 2009) 2009 WL 2365436;

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NOTABLE EXPERIENCE AND SETTLEMENTS—continued

In re Jamster Marketing Litigation (S.D. Cal 2008) 2008 WL 4482307;

Ford v. VeriSign, Inc. (Cal. 2007) 252 Fed.Appx. 781.

Lomelli v. Cerritos Infinity – Represented the defendant/employer in a class action arbitration in which a dismissal of all claims with a waiver of costs was obtained;

Burgess v. Walton et al., Case No.: BC 268822 – Represented the defendant/employer in a class action in which class certification was denied.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Ask for Money, Commit a Crime: What Happened to Free Speech?" Western State University Law Review, Vol. 29, No. 1, Fall 2001

ASSOCIATIONS

California Restaurant Association