

## Kristine Forde

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Commercial Litigation  
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Class Action Litigation  
Insurance  
Technology  
Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality  
White Collar Defense and Investigations  
Mass Arbitration

Kristine represents clients in a variety of complex litigation matters. She has successfully defended numerous class action matters, and she represents clients in claims involving breach of contract, unfair competition, computer fraud, privacy violations (including the California Invasion of Privacy Act and the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act), trade secrets, and unfair competition. Her clients include technology giants and innovators, as well as investors, in industries such as social media, ecommerce, travel, mobile gaming, medical technology, personal electronics, transportation and education. Forbes magazine named Kristine to its annual list of America's Top Lawyers for 2025, recognizing her for excellence in litigation.

In addition, Kristine regularly advises on and pursues insurance coverage for clients. She has achieved fast, favorable resolutions for numerous clients confronting denials of coverage or reservations of rights by their insurance carriers.

Kristine's practice also includes environmental advice and litigation. She assists with environmental due diligence, and she counsels clients on environmental risks in business and real estate transactions.

**Kristine's recent experience includes:**

- Securing a victory for Booking.com against Ryanair in a novel US Computer Fraud and Abuse Act lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the District of Delaware
- Obtaining a temporary restraining order and summary judgment for Jenner & Block against US Executive Order 14246 ("Addressing Risks From Jenner & Block")
- Securing a dismissal for Google in a putative class action lawsuit asserting that Google's Cloud Contact Center AI (CCAI) technology violates the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA)
- Winning a full jury trial victory for Palmer Luckey (founder of Oculus) against breach of contract and fraud claims at trial in the US District Court for the Northern District of California
- Defending Meta against trade secret claims at trial in the Northern District of California
- Representing a medical technology company in a series of class actions alleging violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA)
- Obtaining a successful settlement for a social media company in a large class action alleging violation of BIPA
- Obtaining complete dismissal of claims against a mobile gaming company related to the company's

online terms of service

- Defending two mobile gaming companies in separate class actions alleging violations of the California Family Code's protections relating to minors
- Successfully obtaining dismissal, and defending the dismissal on appeal, of fraud and copyright claims for a venture capital firm
- Successfully obtaining a summary judgment for an ecommerce client in a class action alleging consumer fraud and breach of contract
- Representing a shareholder representative firm in Delaware Chancery Court bringing claims that a large pharmaceutical company had breached a merger agreement
- Representing the former officer of a major public company in a securities fraud dispute
- Obtaining successful dismissal of an enforcement action against a technology client by the Alaska Department of Revenue

## Education

Columbia Law School JD, 2011

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) BA, summa cum laude, 2008

## Admissions & Credentials

California

## Rankings & Accolades

Forbes: America's Top Lawyers (2025)