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Commercial Litigation

Cyber/Data/Privacy

Class Action Litigation

Securities Litigation + Enforcement

White Collar Defense and Investigations

Amy represents clients in complex litigation matters in state and federal courts, and private arbitration. She enjoys working collaboratively with clients to achieve business-oriented outcomes.

Her clients span multiple industries, including e-commerce, online advertising, social media, mobile software development, semiconductor manufacturing, food and beverage distribution, gig economy, and peer-to-peer sharing platforms.

She has successfully defended clients in consumer privacy class actions, SEC investigations and enforcement actions, complex breach of contract litigation, intellectual property infringement matters, employment-related trade secrets theft, and founder and venture funding disputes.

Amy's pro bono practice focuses on defending individuals facing housing eviction, as well as women and children seeking asylum in the United States. She is active in promoting the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts, and she serves on the Cooley Women's Initiative Committee.

Amy's recent experience includes:

- Defending global technology companies against putative class actions alleging misuse of customer data
- Representing a semiconductor equipment manufacturer against breach of contract claims arising from a supplier dispute
- Defending a car sharing company against unfair competition claims and regulatory challenges in multiple jurisdictions
- Successfully resolving multiple class actions against a mobile advertising and analytics company defending against data privacy violations involving minor users
- Defending a software developer against claims of copyright infringement and data misuse
- Representing a renewable energy technology company against shareholder class actions alleging false and misleading statements to investors
- Representing public company founders and officers in SEC investigations and enforcement proceedings
- Representing venture capital investors in pre-litigation fund disputes

Education

University of California, Hastings College of Law
JD, cum laude, 2012

Middlebury College

BA, American Literature, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Central District of California