

Connon Wood LLP

Kathleen M. Wood

Partner

Ms. Wood's practice focuses on civil business litigation as well as commercial arbitration, including copyright, unfair competition, antitrust, multidistrict, class actions, licensing disputes, securities, government contracts and various business torts. Ms. Wood also litigates employment cases in both state and federal courts.

Ms. Wood began her litigation career at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City from 1986 to 1990. She then transferred to the Litigation department at its Los Angeles' office. In 2001, Ms. Wood established Connon Wood LLP.

Highlights of Ms. Wood's notable professional endeavors include:

- Successful resolution of a multi-million dollar government contracts dispute between a prime and subcontractor handling police training in Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Dismissal, with prejudice, of a representative action by independent contractors providing troop training for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Bi-coastal representation and favorable multi-million dollar settlement of the claims of a prominent hedge fund manager against his former partner;
- Representation of a government contractor in various disputes with subcontractors involving services on various military bases;
- Successful settlement for a manufacturer of a large mass toxic tort litigation involving groundwater contamination;
- Representation of a large retailer in a class action involving potential liability of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars;
- Summary judgment in a contract action for a call service provider against a prominent electronics manufacturer;
- Successful resolution of a design patent infringement action in the automotive industry;
- Representation in an international tribunal involving foreign government expropriation of real estate assets;
- Obtained a preliminary injunction and summary judgment for copyright infringement and impoundment of distribution proceeds against a film distributor who violated an independent film producer's license;
- Set aside collusive judgments in the U.S. and Mexico between a bank and the executor of a large estate on grounds of fraud, obtained a temporary restraining order and injunction, and seized purloined assets from the estate held in the name of an alter ego dummy corporation, and successfully enforced a prior judgment against those assets;
- Worked with the US Government to defeat a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by a major newspaper on grounds of privacy and national security.

Languages: Russian and French.



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BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York, 1987; California, 1990

PRACTICES

- Complex Litigation and Commercial Arbitration

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, JD, 1986
- Human Rights Internship, Conseil de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France
- Certificate With High Honors, Parker School of Foreign and International Affairs
- Editor, Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts
- Certificate for Honors Studies, Leningrad State University, Leningrad, USSR
- University of Kansas, BA, 1982, Soviet & East European Studies, Slavic Languages and Literature, History

ACTIVITIES

- Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem Program
- Volunteer for bar organization programs representing indigent individuals and immigrants
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- Volunteer for local conservation group