



Stephanie M. Rocha, Partner

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Stephanie Rocha's litigation practice focuses primarily on cases involving construction, real estate and business disputes, including construction defect, delay and payment claims. Regularly representing developers, builders, prime contractors, public agencies, real estate agents and brokers, homeowners, landlords, tenants and other business entities, she takes the time to truly understand her clients and their business objectives, bringing a unique personal history to her cases. Prior to becoming an attorney, Stephanie enjoyed careers as a human resources and employee relations manager in the high-tech and biotech industries, and as a real estate agent.

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D., 2009

Santa Clara University, B.A.,
cum laude, Communication, 2000

Practice Areas

Construction
Real Estate
Business

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California

U.S. District Court, Northern
District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of California

U.S. District Court, Central
District of California

In her real estate practice, Stephanie's experience includes litigation involving purchase and sale contracts, residential and commercial leases, residential non-disclosures, real estate partnerships and foreclosures. With respect to business disputes, she handles cases involving breach of contract, unfair competition, fraud and other business torts, statutory violations and insurance claims. Stephanie is regularly involved with matters in both state and federal court as well as private mediation and arbitration.

Actively involved in the construction industry outside of her practice, Stephanie is a former director and member of the Santa Clara Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and is a Certified Construction Industry Technician through its Education Foundation. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Builder's Exchange of Santa Clara County, where she has presented various seminars on construction law topics. In addition, Stephanie teaches a monthly contractors' licensing class on mechanics' lien law and labor law through Contractors License Courses.

Stephanie is a member of the Silicon Valley Business Journal's 2014 "Forty Under 40" class.

Affiliations

- Santa Clara County Bar Association
- California State Bar Association
- Vice President, Director, Treasurer, Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association
- National Association of Women in Construction, Santa Clara Chapter
- Board of Directors, Builder's Exchange of Santa Clara County

Representative Experience

- Represented a large general contractor in Miller Act payment bond action in federal court and assisted client in global resolution of multi-million dollar impact claims with subcontractors and General Services Administration
- Obtained summary judgment on multiple grounds on behalf of a large public corporation against negligence and implied warranty claims by a second tier subcontractor.
- Represented homeowners in a successful court trial involving payment dispute with contractor.
- Fully defended clients in 2-week jury trial against multi-million dollar claim by investment advisory firm, and obtained over million dollar judgment on cross-complaint for defamation.
- Fully defended homeowners in 3-day bench trial involving payment dispute with contractor and obtained judgment on cross-complaint for breach of contract and negligent misrepresentations.

Speaking Events

- Presenter, I Haven't Been Paid, Now What?, Builder's Exchange of Santa Clara County
- Lecturer, Mechanic's Lien Law, Contractors License Courses
- Lecturer, Labor Law, Contractors License Courses

Publications

- Prevailing Wage Compliance Monitoring Now Funded by Contractor Fees, *California Constructor*, Nov./Dec. 2014

Honors & Awards

- Northern California Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2016
- Silicon Valley Business Journal, Forty Under 40, 2014