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An astute litigator, Lisamarie has nearly 20 years of experience in a wide variety of complex business and commercial cases in both state and federal courts

Lisamarie has represented clients in a variety of commercial and civil matters, including contract disputes, business-related issues and civil rights concerns. From handling matters through all stages of litigation, trial and appeal, she has gained practical approaches to assisting and advising clients on day-to-day, novel and industry-specific issues.

EXPERIENCE

Secured a court judgment of \$5.1M after a roughly 24-day trial as second-chair representing a Chinese citizen defrauded by a California attorney and others over two gas station sale transactions, one in California and the other in Washington. Prevailed completely on all claims set forth in the complaint and cross-complaint.

Negotiated a settlement exceeding \$1M for a cannabis company in a Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection action against a city and lobbyist following the denial of a business license due to an alleged pay-to-play kickback scheme, after prevailing against two anti-SLAPP motions and two appeals.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business Litigation

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

EDUCATION

Chapman University School of Law, J.D.,
magna cum laude, 2007

California State University, Long Beach, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 2004

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Informally resolved a \$780K declaratory relief action filed in District Court of Nevada on behalf of an equipment rental company for immediate payment under a payment bond for work performed on the construction of Allegiant Stadium.

Secured a court judgment of \$3.25M after a judicial reference in an action brought on behalf of a minor against a construction company and school district for negligent hiring, retention and supervision and failure to report sexual abuse as a mandated reporter. The case was heavily litigated and later became the subject of a 2018 California Superior Court opinion addressing an insurer's duty to defend in the negligent hiring context, even when the employee's conduct was willful.

Obtained judgment in favor of a residential landlord on an anti-SLAPP motion against eight of twelve causes of action brought against based upon unlawful eviction claims, leading to dismissal of the action and a \$59K award for attorneys' fees.

Secured a judgment in favor of a commercial real estate owner as second chair in a jury trial on a strategic cross-complaint in a breach of contract action brought against it by a construction supply company which significantly reduced the judgment entered against it on the complaint.

RECOGNITIONS

Selected to the *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list, 2015-2017