



VERA CHA LU
Senior Counsel

Biography

Vera Cha Lu has been practicing in California since 2003 and has been with the firm since March of 2007. Vera has extensive experience representing developers, general contractors, architects, owners, subcontractors, and material suppliers in complex civil litigation in both state and federal court, including construction defect claims, breach of contract disputes and mechanic's liens actions, to name a few. Her areas practice include construction defects, insurance coverage, construction accidents, mold litigation, property disputes and personal injury claims.

Vera has substantial experience representing general contractors and subcontractors in lawsuits and pre-litigation claims involving allegations of defective construction in commercial buildings and structures, single family homes, and condominiums. Her litigation experience includes the following:

- Advising construction clients and meeting with claimants prior to litigation for purposes of resolving construction defect disputes before litigation.
- Preparation and trial of cases involving alleged defective design and/or construction, including mediation and trial, written & oral discovery, factual investigation, selection of consultants and expert witnesses, analysis of factual and legal issues, preparation for and conducting mediation and trials.
- Extensive analysis of insurance coverage issues, including additional insurance obligations, extent of coverage obligations owed by insurance carriers to their insureds. Analysis of primary vs. excess obligations of co-insurers, and analysis of various coverage exclusions and other coverage analysis.
- Extensive analysis of effect of varying types of indemnity language found in contracts between general contractors and subcontractors, and general contractors and property owners/developers.
- Preparation of mandatory continuing legal education courses on construction defect litigation and insurance issues.
- Trial experience includes cases representing concrete and rough grader.

- ## Professional Associations
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (ADCNC)
 - Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

- ## Bar Admissions
- California, 2003
 - U. S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 2007
 - U. S. District Court, Northern District of California

- ## Education
- University of California at Davis School of Law, Davis, California, J.D., 2002
 - UCLA, Los Angeles, California, B.S., Cognitive Science/Economics, 1997