



ALLINA AMUCHIE

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Allina M. Amuchie represents entities and individuals in a wide range of business disputes, including disputes involving contracts, construction, real property, insurance coverage, business and intentional torts, and bankruptcy in both state and federal court. Ms. Amuchie provides strategic legal counseling through all phases of the litigation process, including dispositive motion practice, depositions, mediations, arbitrations, trials, and appeals. Ms. Amuchie focuses on achieving outstanding results for her clients in a customized, cost-efficient, and highly effective manner. Her dedication to professional excellence led to Best Lawyers in America recognizing her as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for 2021, 2022, and 2023. Ms. Amuchie also has been recognized as one of the "Top 10 Young Diverse Lawyers of Orange County" by the Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law.

Representative Matters/Cases

- Prosecution and defense of construction contract claims by and against a prime contractor in connection with the construction of a large commercial retail building resulting in a multi-million dollar payment to the prime contractor.
- Representation of a mortgage servicer against class action claims arising from alleged unfair and fraudulent business practices resulting in judgment in favor of the mortgage servicer.
- Representation of an apparel company in an action against a corporation and individuals arising from contract and unfair competition claims. Obtained terminating sanctions against an individual defendant for destroying material evidence and obtained a large default judgment in the action.
- Representation of an insurance brokerage company and its principals against a
 multi-million dollar claim based on allegations of trade secret theft, business
 interference, and breach of fiduciary duties by former employer.
- Representation of a seller in a real property transaction against claims for specific performance brought by a potential purchaser after seller decided to sell the property to a third-party. After strategic motion practice, the action was dismissed and the potential purchaser offered to pay an additional \$4 million to the seller in order to purchase the property.

Related Services

- Litigation and Trial
- Appellate Practice Group
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Corporate Restructuring and Creditors' Rights
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Real Property Litigation
- Unfair Competition and Class Action Defense Group
- Insurance and Dispute Recovery

Related Industries

- Builders and Land Developers
- Construction

Bar & Court Admissions

- State Bar of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California

- Obtained a partial reversal in the Court of Appeal of an Anti-SLAPP judgment previously entered against the client resulting in an early and very favorable resolution of the action in favor of the client.
- Representation of a real property developer in a contract dispute over a \$38 million dollar land acquisition.

Presentations & Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "Why Should I Do Pro Bono And How Do I Get Started?," Orange County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee Roundtable, October 2018
- Moderator, "Help I Need To Develop Business Now! Practical Tips for Associates and New Partners," California Minority Counsel Program Conference, October 2015

Publications & Features

- Leaders of Influence: Women In Law, Orange County Business Journal, August 22, 2022
- Q&A with the Honorable Andrew P. Banks," Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report, Winter 2015

Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch (2021-2024)
- Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law "Top 10 Young Diverse Lawyers of OC" (2022)
- OneOC's Spirit of Volunteerism Award (2018)
- Rutan & Tucker, LLP's Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award (2017)
- State Bar of California's Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Services (2015)
- Lawyers of Color's Annual Hot List (2014)

Memberships & Associations

- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Orange County Bar Association
- Thurgood Marshall Bar Association

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall, School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of California, Irvine (B.A., 2008) cum laude

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