

# Christina L. Costley

## Partner

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### Practices

FOCUS: Litigation  
Appeals and Critical Motions  
Intellectual Property  
Securities Litigation  
White Collar and Internal Investigations

### Industries

Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences  
Technology

### Education

JD, University of California, Berkeley,  
School of Law

BA, University of California, Santa Barbara,  
*magna cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

California

### Court Admissions

US District Court, Central District of  
California

US District Court, Northern District of  
California

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Christina Costley is a proven securities litigator and first-chair trial lawyer who has won victories for her clients across a range of complex practice areas, including securities class actions, shareholder derivative cases, intellectual property disputes and criminal proceedings.

### A winning record

Securities class actions are must win cases. Christina is a proven securities litigator who has obtained dismissal, at the pleading stage, of every securities class action and shareholder derivative case that she has defended in the last decade. And she has held that record on appeal, beating back every attempt by the plaintiff's bar to overturn trial court dismissals. She also has an excellent record of defeating requests to enjoin shareholder votes in merger cases and other proxy contests.

In addition, and unusual amongst the securities bar, Christina has significant courtroom experience, having acted as lead counsel in 15 jury trials.

Christina has also had success defending other forms of complex litigation, including false advertising, trade secrets and software negligence.

### Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Daily Journal*
  - Top 20 Under 40, 2014
- The Legal 500 United States
  - Recommended Attorney, 2019

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- Super Lawyers Rising Stars
  - Southern California, 2015–2018

## News

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- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- COVID-19 Securities Class Actions May Hinge on Disclosures (April 16, 2020)
- California Court of Appeals Affirmed Securities Class Action Win for Katten Client Natera (March 11, 2020)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Designated as Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (June 7, 2018)
- Christina Costley Featured in AHT Insurance's *Annual State of the D&O Market Report* (April 30, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Selected as Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (June 5, 2017)
- Katten Attorneys Named Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (June 6, 2016)
- Twelve Katten Attorneys Recognized in the 2015 Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars List (June 8, 2015)
- *Daily Journal* Names Partner Christina Costley to Top 20 Under 40 List for 2014 (January 29, 2014 )
- Katten Wins Favorable Ruling for Board of Chinese Company in Nevada Supreme Court (October 15, 2013)
- Katten Names Six New Partners (July 12, 2013)
- Katten Wins Dismissal of Say-on-Pay Lawsuit for AAR Corporation (April 9, 2013)

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- *IR Update* Interviews Associate Christina Costley for Article on Executive Compensation Lawsuits (January 23, 2013)
- Attorneys Bruce Vanyo, Richard Zelichov and Christina Costley Discuss Say-on-Pay Lawsuits in *Business Law Today* (November 19, 2012)
- Attorneys Bruce Vanyo, Richard Zelichov and Christina Costley Author Article in *The D&O Diary* on "Say on Pay" Compensation (October 31, 2012)

## Publications

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- Sometimes It's What You Don't Say That Gets You in Trouble (January 2018)
- Merger Objection Cases: Toothless Tigers (July 28, 2014)
- Proxy Statement Attacks Continue (December 5, 2012)
- A New Wave of Say-on-Pay and Executive Compensation Proxy Litigation (October 29, 2012)
- Stamping Out Merger Objection Cases – Expedited Proceedings: A Privilege Not a Right (September 3, 2012)

## Presentations and Events

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- Governing Through Regulatory Activism (December 2, 2021)
- Rising Risks of Securities Litigation (NACD Webinar) (February 13, 2020) | *Speaker*
- Legal Series: Say on Pay and Executive Compensation Litigation in 2014 (August 22, 2014) | *Presenter*
- Legal Series: Say on Pay and Executive Compensation Litigation in 2014 (June 12, 2014) | *Presenter*

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- The Gathering Storm: Equity Compensation and 10b5-1 Plans Under Attack (January 15, 2013) | *Moderator*