

Tami Kameda Sims

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Practices

FOCUS: Litigation
Advertising, Marketing and Promotions
Appeals and Critical Motions
Class Action/Consumer Finance Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Trademarks and Trademark Litigation

Industries

Entertainment and Media
Entertainment and Media Litigation
Technology

Education

JD, University of California, Los Angeles,
School of Law
MA, Stanford University
BS, Stanford University

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
US District Court, Central District of
California
US District Court, Northern District of
California

An experienced litigator, Tami Kameda Sims helps her entertainment clients protect and exploit their intellectual property. She advises clients on copyright, trademark, and other intellectual property issues before they evolve into lawsuits. Tami also represents financial services companies in high-stakes class action disputes. Clients come to her for her well-rounded counsel — she is a trusted advisor, a proven trial attorney, and a skilled appellate advocate.

A skilled counselor in complex disputes

Tami has deep experience litigating the full range of high-profile entertainment and intellectual property disputes, including copyright, trademark, defamation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, breach of contract, and matters involving the First Amendment and California's anti-SLAPP statute. Through proactive work, such as advising on contracts and performing content and rights analysis, she helps clients avoid costly legal battles. Tami gives practical guidance grounded in her clients' business needs, so that they understand the potential risks involved and can make well-informed decisions.

Banks, credit unions and other financial services providers rely on Tami's trusted counsel in class action lawsuits involving their customers, regulatory matters, and pre-litigation issues. Tami also advises on compliance and regulatory issues arising from Guaranteed Automobile Protection (GAP) refunds.

For issues worth fighting over, Tami has the experience and ability to design arguments that can withstand judicial scrutiny. As a former law clerk on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, she understands how to approach issues of first impression and deal with unfavorable precedent. That experience paid off, for instance, in a defamation suit over an episode of CSI, resulting in one of the first published opinions to find the production of a fictional work to be protected activity under California's anti-SLAPP statute. That decision is one of many instances in which the groundwork that Tami laid paid significant dividends for her client.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Benchmark Litigation*
 - Under 40 Hotlist, 2018–2019
- Feminist Majority Foundation (publisher of *Ms. Magazine*)
 - Global Women’s Rights Award, 2023
- *Law360*
 - Rising Star, 2018
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2020, 2022–2023

News

- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Recognized for 22 Years of Pro Bono Support of *Ms. Magazine* (June 2, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Defeats Novel Class Action Lawsuit Arising Out of COVID-19 Pandemic (June 15, 2021)
- Media Takes Note of Katten's Victory on Behalf of Windstream (April 20, 2021)
- Katten Wins Record \$19 Million+ Award for Client Windstream In False Advertising Case Arising Out Of Windstream's Chapter 11 (April 12, 2021)
- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)

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- Katten's Zia Modabber Marks Victory When Quincy Jones' Jury Award Is Slashed in Michael Jackson Estate Appeal (May 7, 2020)
- Katten Honored for Participation in Diversity Programs (November 8, 2018)
- Katten Partner Chosen for Diversity Leadership Program (March 9, 2018)
- The Ninth Circuit Affirms Katten's Summary Judgment for Nicholas Clainos in Iconic Rock Memorabilia and Copyright Case (December 14, 2017)
- Katten Names 13 New Partners (July 8, 2016)
- Katten's Pro Bono Victory for Transgender Ironworker Mentioned in Law360 and Bloomberg BNA's *Daily Labor Report* (June 22, 2015)
- Katten Honors 10 Attorneys for Outstanding Pro Bono Service (June 16, 2015)
- Katten's Pro Bono Work for Elderly Widow Highlighted in *The Daily Journal* (December 30, 2014)

Publications

- *The Katten Kattwalk* (Triannual) | *Contributor*
- Co-author, California Appeals Court Dismisses "Libel in Fiction" Suit Over CSI Episode, *MLRC Media Law Letter* (April 2011)
- Co-author, Entitlement to Attorney Fees Under the Copyright Act After Plaintiffs Voluntary Dismissal, *Communications Lawyer* (March 2011)

Presentations and Events

- Class Action Lawsuits - what you need to know (March 31, 2021) | *Speaker*
- ABA Forum on Communications Law (January 31–February 2, 2019) | *Facilitator* | *Hot Issues in Libel and Privacy*