

## Esther E. Cho

### Partner-in-Charge, Southern California Co-Chair, Securities Litigation and Enforcement

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Esther Cho is seasoned litigator with a particular focus on securities and regulatory matters. She regularly represents financial services firms in state and federal court and before arbitral tribunals in proceedings involving violations of state and federal securities laws and related rules and regulations. Esther has defended institutions and individuals in connection with regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. Esther currently serves as the partner-in-charge of the firm's Southern California office and co-chair of the firm's securities litigation and enforcement practice.

Esther represents clients in mortgage banking matters regarding loan origination and servicing; claims of wrongful foreclosure; unfair business practices and payment misapplication; lien priority disputes; and claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA) and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA).

In her employment practice, Esther argues on behalf of employers in cases related to unfair competition laws, harassment, discrimination, breach of contract, retaliation, defamation, hiring and wrongful termination, constructive discharge, privacy, failure to pay wages and the California Labor Code.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Modern Negotiations: Embracing Change and Best Practices for Success," SIFMA C&L Conference 2024
- Speaker, "Litigation and Arbitration Update," SIFMA C&L Regional 2022
- Speaker, "2022 Capital Markets Litigation and Regulatory Outlook," CLE Webinar
- Speaker, "Tipping the Scales Webinar: A Tale of Two Attorneys," Community of Legal Innovators 2020
- Speaker, "Increasing Diversity at Law Firms & In-House: The Role We All Play," Women, Diversity & Change Summit

#### RECOGNITIONS

- *LA Times B2B Publishing*, Inspirational Women Award for Professional Services (2024)

#### FOCUS

Securities Litigation & Enforcement  
Financial Services Litigation  
Employment & Labor  
Banking  
Complex Commercial & Class  
Action Litigation  
Litigation  
Broker-Dealer

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

California

#### COURTS

U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Ninth Circuit  
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

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles  
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Member, FINRA National Arbitration and  
Mediation Committee  
Member, Advisory Board, Community of  
Legal Innovators  
Member, Orange County Asian American  
Bar Association  
Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee

#### LANGUAGES

Korean (Conversational)

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- *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Top 100 Lawyers (2024)
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Attorneys (2024)
- The *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America (2024-2025)

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

Esther serves on the advisory board for Community of Legal Innovators, an organization dedicated to educating and empowering future leaders in law as well as connecting students and employers committed to increasing innovation and diversity, equity and inclusion in the legal industry.

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