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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 serves on Stradley Ronon's board of directors, as the partner-in-charge of the firm's Southern California office and as co-chair of the 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

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "AI-Fueled Fraud and the \$10 Billion Crisis Banks Can't Afford to Ignore," *Daily Journal*

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)

STRADLEY
SR
RONON

RECOGNITIONS

- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys (2025)
- *LA Times Business of Law Magazine*, Legal Visionary (2024)
- *LA Times B2B Publishing*, Inspirational Women Award for Professional Services (2024)
- *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.