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Practice Areas

Complex Business Litigation | Insurance | Trust & Estate Litigation

With more than 35 years of experience in state and federal courts, Sandra Sava (“Sandi”) has represented clients in nearly every area of civil litigation with special emphasis on insurance coverage, personal injury, business torts, and trust disputes.

Her strong communication skills enable her to build solid relationships with clients and achieve desired results with witnesses, opposing counsel, and judges. Clients who work with Sandi are part of the litigation team from beginning to end so that they are better informed, empowered, and prepared to make challenging decisions.

Experience

- Prevailed on motions to enforce settlement in Sacramento, Placer and Shasta County Superior Courts where opposing parties attempted to avoid settlement terms.
- Successfully secured insurance coverage for defendant-insured in multi-million dollar personal injury claim resulting in protection of his personal assets.
- Obtained dismissal of successive Trust petitions by overreaching relative against aging settlor-trustee resulting in protection of his assets and means of support.
- Settled three-tiered underinsured motorist claim for seriously-injured senior with complicated medical liens.
- Analyzed first- and third-party coverage under various lines of insurance, including commercial, business, personal, automobile, professional, workers’ compensation, employer’s liability, excess, and umbrella. Drafted insurance coverage opinions for major U.S. insurance companies and coverage demand letters for individual and business clients. Prosecuted and defended coverage litigation in state and federal courts. Prepared and presented coverage position papers for California State Assembly members.

- Advise clients about insurance coverage and strategies for maximizing protection with existing and additional policies. Draft insurance, defense, and indemnity provisions for commercial/business contracts.

Professional & Community Service

- Rotary District 5180, District Governor, 2017-2018; Representative to the Councils on Legislation and Resolutions, 2020-2023; Board Secretary, 2023-2024
- Rotary District Charitable Foundation, Director and Secretary
- American River Rotary Club, Member

Education

- J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1984
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1980

Honors & Rankings

- *SacTown Magazine* (formerly *Sacramento Magazine*), Top Lawyer, Insurance, 2024