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**Practice Areas**

Trials

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.,
2016

University of Southern California, B.S.,
Business Administration, 2011

Admissions

California

Texas

OVERVIEW

Lori litigates complex commercial disputes before federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels, as well as in arbitration proceedings. She is well-versed in managing every stage of litigation, from drafting dispositive, discovery, Daubert, and post-trial motions to deposing fact and expert witnesses as a first chair in high-stakes matters, successfully arguing motions in court, and trying cases.

Lori's diligence, tenacity, and intellectual engagement result in optimal outcomes for her clients. She especially excels at untangling complex legal questions and devising out-of-the-box solutions. When a novel legal challenge arises, clients rely on Lori for practical, informed guidance that fulfills their objectives while mitigating risk and cost.

Prior to joining Hicks Johnson, Lori practiced in the litigation group at Willkie Farr & Gallagher's San Francisco office. She also spent several years as an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office.

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE**Representative Matters**

- Obtained dismissal with prejudice at the pleadings stage in the Southern District of Texas for one of the world's largest suppliers of aerospace and defense products in a dispute involving a \$3.5 billion contract for the development and production of NASA's next-generation spacesuit.
- Represented a Fortune 500 exploration and production company in an indemnity dispute seeking decommissioning costs for federal oil and gas leases off the coast of Santa Barbara, California. The case settled favorably on the first day of trial.
- Represented a multinational energy company in a contract dispute involving a \$400 million wind turbine project in Texas.*
- Represented a group of former employees of a financial institution in an action alleging trade secret misappropriation and breach of fiduciary duties. The case settled favorably before going to trial.
- Represented the holder of a patent that facilitates complex payment transactions in an infringement action with nine figures in controversy. The case settled favorably before trial.

- Represented a Fortune 5 company in an ongoing class action in federal court in which plaintiffs alleged privacy violations.*

**Lori advised on these matters prior to joining Hicks Johnson PLLC.*

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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [States and Industry Groups Sue to Block BOEM's Tougher Financial Assurance Requirements for Offshore Oil and Gas Operations](#)
- [How to Develop a Successful Trade Secret Litigation Strategy: 7 Best Practices for In-House Counsel](#)