



## PAMELA WOODS

Partner

Pamela Woods handles a wide range of insurance recovery matters. This includes claims under directors and officers liability, homeowners, general liability, errors and omissions, and property insurance policies. She has represented clients seeking recoveries for many types of claims and losses, including claims for bodily injury, business interruption, defamation, derivative liabilities, and property damage.

Pamela has worked with a number of clients in negotiating with insurers regarding coverage for losses caused by allegedly defective products in the post-loss, pre-litigation setting. She has represented a major container manufacturer in multiple matters involving coverage for contamination of and damage to food products caused by allegedly defective containers, including in litigation and before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Pamela currently represents Dole Food Company in negotiations with its insurers regarding coverage for Listeria claims, as well as in a \$65,000,000 directors and officers coverage lawsuit in Delaware in which the court just issued a decision rejecting the insurers' primary coverage defense. She also represents the Los Angeles Lakers in a lawsuit to obtain coverage under a directors and officers liability for a class action lawsuit brought against the Lakers for violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Pamela also has developed the litigation strategies and recovery theories used in major litigation against insurers, insurance brokers, and others, contributing to the recovery of several hundred million dollars.

In addition to her insurance coverage experience, Pamela also has civil litigation experience in a wide range of areas, including products liability, securities fraud, toxic torts, and contractual disputes. She has handled all aspects of civil litigation, including trials, appellate briefing, and oral arguments before the California Courts of Appeal. She also has coordinated the defense of clients faced with mass toxic tort litigation.

Pamela also served on the faculty of the UCLA School of Law. While at UCLA, she concentrated on teaching legal writing and clinical litigation skills. Pamela was one of the designers of the school's innovative first-year Lawyering Skills program. In the course of her 13 years at UCLA, she also taught or co-taught clinical classes in trial advocacy; pretrial lawyering, depositions, and discovery; and interviewing, counseling, and negotiation.

### ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

### EDUCATION

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California Berkeley (J.D., 1981)  
Stanford University (B.A., with distinction, 1976)