

**Debra S.  
Summers**

PARTNER EMERITUS



## EXPERIENCE

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Debra Summers provided legal counsel to Silicon Valley's leading technology and growth companies with respect to their real estate, M&A, and environmental matters. Debra retired as a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she chaired the firm's real estate and environmental practice, and specialized in leasing, facility design, construction, financing and development, sale lease-backs, synthetic financings, and environmental compliance and violation resolution. She also has extensive experience in corporate financings, equipment leasing, leveraged buy-outs, and corporate mergers and acquisitions. Her practice was multi-state and international in scope.

Debra has appeared and prevailed before the California Supreme Court (*Citizens for Covenant Compliance v. Anderson*, 1996) and has served as an adjunct professor for the University of California at Berkeley's Environmental Certification Program. She is a well-known speaker on real estate and environmental issues.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Education

- J.D., University of San Francisco, 1980  
*Summa Cum Laude*

### Associations and Memberships

- Co-chair, Executive Committee, Real Property Section of the California Bar
- Member, Joint State Bar Committee on Legal Opinions in California Real Estate Transactions

### Honors

- Recognized as a "Top Rated Lawyer in Energy/Environmental Law" by Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media
- Named in *Northern California Super Lawyers*, 2005-2014
- Named a Silicon Valley "Legal Eagle" by *San Jose Magazine*, 2001-2006
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

## INSIGHTS

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### Select Publications

- Co-author, "Office Leasing, Drafting, and Negotiating the Lease," (*CEB, Commercial Leasing Series*)
- "Strategies Corporations, Shareholders, and Directors Can Employ to Reduce Environmental Liability," *National Law Journal*