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FOCUS AREAS

Corporate Governance
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Securities Litigation

EXPERIENCE

Diane Walters is senior counsel in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Palo Alto office. Diane specializes in securities and other complex business-related litigation and has defended numerous companies and their officers and directors in class actions, derivative lawsuits, contested mergers and acquisitions, regulatory investigations, and other complex matters. She has represented clients in a wide variety of industries, including:

- Aerospace
- Airlines
- Apparel
- Biotechnology
- Computer systems
- Consumer services
- Entertainment
- Gaming
- Internet content & information
- Medical equipment
- Networking and communication devices
- Scientific instruments
- Semiconductors
- Software
- Telecommunications

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1990
- A.B., Stanford University, 1986
With Distinction, Departmental Honors

Admissions

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

MATTERS

Select Current and Past Matters

- Represented Fluidigm and two of its officers in a securities class action in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed with prejudice. The dismissal was recently affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.
- Represents Netflix and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Northern District of California; represents Netflix and its directors in shareholder derivative actions in the Northern District of California and in Santa Clara County Superior Court.
- Represents former officers of Forescout in a securities class action in the Northern District of California.
- Represented Inogen and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Central District of California. The action was dismissed.
- Represented Microchip Technology and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the District of Arizona; represented Microchip and its directors in shareholder derivative actions in Arizona state court. The actions settled.
- Represented SunPower and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed with prejudice.
- Represented Wheaton Precious Metals and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Central District of California. The action settled.
- Represented Aruba Networks and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed with prejudice. The dismissal was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.
- Represented TrueCar and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Central District of California. The action was dismissed with prejudice.
- Represented Logitech and certain of its officers in a securities class action in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed with prejudice.
- Represented Google and its directors in a shareholder derivative action alleging wrongful refusal in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed.
- Represented Mindspeed and its directors in a shareholder derivative action in the District of Delaware. The action was dismissed.
- Represented International Game Technology and certain of its officers and/or directors in a securities class action, derivative action, and ERISA class action. The District of Nevada's dismissal of the derivative action was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit. The class actions settled.
- Represented Accuray and certain of its officers and directors in shareholder class and derivative actions in the Northern District of California. The actions were dismissed and later settled.
- Represented Juniper and its directors in a shareholder action in the Northern District of California. The action was dismissed, and the dismissal was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.
- Represented Guidant and certain of its officers in a shareholder class action in the Southern District of Indiana. The action was dismissed, and the dismissal was affirmed by the Seventh Circuit.