

## Luke A. Liss

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## FOCUS AREAS

Litigation

## EXPERIENCE

Luke Liss is the **Pro Bono** Partner of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He manages the firm's global **Community Impact** program. Luke also actively leads multiple pro bono impact litigation and immigration teams. Under Luke's leadership, the firm's Community Impact program has received the following recent recognition:

- The firm received the American Bar Association's National Public Service Award in 2025.
- Luke received the Alfred J. Chiplin Jr. Social Justice and Advocacy Award by the Center for Medicare Advocacy for his dedication to advancing civility and advocating for social justice in 2024.
- The firm was recognized with the Beacon of Justice Award from the National Legal Aid & Defender Association in 2024 for the fourth consecutive year.
- The firm was named Outstanding Pro Bono Partner by Lawyers for Good Government in 2024.
- The firm was named Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year by Tahirih Justice Center in 2024.
- The firm was named Pro Bono Champion by Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto in 2024.
- The firm was named Outstanding Law Firm by the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program in 2024.
- Luke was named DEI Change Agent of the Year by Everlaw in 2023.
- The firm was named Pro Bono Partner of the Year by Elevate Community Center in 2023.
- Luke was one of 10 attorneys nationwide shortlisted for Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by *Chambers USA* in 2023.
- The firm received the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2022.
- The firm was one of 15 honorees nationwide named to the inaugural class of Pro Bono Innovators by *Bloomberg Law* in 2022.
- The firm received the Center for Justice and Accountability's Partner in Justice Award in 2022.
- Luke and the firm were recognized with the Keta Taylor Colby Award by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area in 2022 for outstanding representation to underrepresented members of communities, particularly communities of color.

Luke has also played a key leadership role in high-profile pro bono litigation, including a trial win on behalf of one of the largest classes of Medicare patients in history, a historic win on summary judgment against a former Colombian paramilitary warlord on behalf of family members of a murdered community activist, and the settlement of a civil rights lawsuit alleging constitutional violations in Louisiana. Luke remains active in leadership of multiple ongoing impact litigation matters.

Luke currently serves as a member of the firm's Hiring Committee, Community Service Committee, and Pro Bono Committee. He is particularly active in firm diversity initiatives, mentoring inside and outside the firm, and is also a leader of the firm's Black Affinity Group. In addition, Luke is a member of the board of directors of the Wilson Sonsini Foundation. Luke is based in the Palo Alto office.

## CREDENTIALS

### Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School, 2006
- B.A., Political Science, University of Oregon, 2003  
*Cum Laude*

### Associations and Memberships

- Member, Leaders Council, Legal Services Corporation

### Admissions

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