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OVERVIEW

Elizabeth A. Thomasian is Managing Partner of the Fresno office. She handles a wide range of personal injury and property damage cases, including premises liability, construction defect, habitability, and fire loss cases. Located in the Central Valley, a large portion of her practice also consists of agriculturally-based litigation, including crop loss, tractor and equipment-related accidents, big rig accidents, and animal loss cases, such as people being harmed by horses or cattle.

Elizabeth attended San Joaquin College of Law in Clovis, California. During law school, she worked for three years as a certified law clerk at a private criminal defense firm and gained experience defending misdemeanor and felony cases. She was published in the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review, where she authored a comment scrutinizing the federal law protecting wild horses and burros. She gained inspiration for the topic of her article when she adopted her own Bureau of Land Management mustang in 2010 and saw the deficiencies of the government program and the thousands of horses needing homes.

Prior to joining GRSM, she worked for a boutique civil litigation law firm in Fresno, California where she handled a variety of personal injury and property damage matters.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Representative Experience

- Represented client in binding arbitration hearing wherein the arbitration award that client had to pay was approximately \$750,000 less than the last amount demanded by injured party.
- Successful in terminating motion which resulted in judgment in favor of client and sanctions against plaintiffs.
- Successfully negotiated multiple cases down over a difference of seven figures at mediation and in informal negotiations.

PUBLICATIONS

- *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* – “Should the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 be reined in or turned out to pasture.” August 2013

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Northern, and Central Districts of California

Memberships

- Fresno County Women’s Lawyers
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada

Community Involvement

- Western Heritage Foundation
- Horse and Pony Project Leader for the Madera County, Sierra Shadows 4-H Club

Education

- J.D., San Joaquin College of Law, 2014
- B.S., Agricultural Communications, California State University, Fresno, 2011
- Women’s Equestrian Team, Division I

Honors

- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Star distinction in Personal Injury (2024)
- 2021 National Collegiate Equestrian Association Distinguished Alumni
- 2019 San Joaquin College of Law Distinguished Alumni