



Linda Schilling

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Linda Schilling is the Founding Partner of Schilling Law Group, PC, in Newport Beach. Her practice focuses on advising companies on complex commercial and business issues involving commercial contracts, trade secrets, unfair business practices and competition, real estate, construction, environmental and employment matters, and related insurance coverage and cost recovery claims. Ms. Schilling has successfully litigated cases covering the full spectrum of commercial litigation, including multiple bench and jury trials. Prior to founding Schilling Law Group, Ms. Schilling practiced for 27 years at two major international law firms, Latham & Watkins LLP, where she was a Partner, and Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker. Ms. Schilling clerked for the Honorable Judge Melvin Brunetti on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals before beginning her legal practice. Ms. Schilling has achieved the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is included on the American Lawyer's List of Top Rated Lawyers.

In federal and state courts across the United States, Ms. Schilling has successfully represented clients across a variety of industries in high-stakes, multiparty lawsuits involving:

- Contract disputes
- Commercial leases
- Misappropriation of trade secrets
- Unfair competition claims
- Unfair business practices claims
- Business torts
- Zoning, land use, permitted uses, assignment, and sublease disputes
- Construction, engineering, and design deficiencies
- Indoor air quality contamination
- Groundwater and soil contamination
- Toxic torts
- Employment discrimination
- Wrongful termination
- Wage and hour claims
- Class actions
- Insurance coverage and cost recovery claims

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Schilling's experience and expertise in the following matters is substantial:

- Representing companies, directors, and officers in cases involving contract disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition claims, unfair business practices claims, and other business torts
- Representing developers, owners, and operators in litigation involving commercial lease disputes concerning permitted uses, assignments and subletting, and zoning issues

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- Representing companies defending against and prosecuting claims concerning construction defects and engineering and design deficiencies
- Representing developers, owners, and operators in cases involving indoor air quality contamination, mold contamination and remediation, and water and property damage, including defending and prosecuting claims involving related business losses, property damage, constructive eviction, and personal injuries
- Representing companies in litigation involving allegations of groundwater, drinking water, and soil contamination from chemicals, including perchlorate and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), such as tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), and 1, 1, 1-trichloroethane (TCA)
- Representing employers in litigation and arbitration involving wage and hour claims, Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) claims, employment discrimination, and wrongful termination

IN THE COMMUNITY

Throughout her 30-year career, Ms. Schilling has been committed to providing pro bono legal assistance and access to justice to low-income clients and nonprofits, including a 10-year prosecution of a federal habeas corpus action on behalf of a California death row inmate, defending independent documentary film producers against allegations of trademark and copyright infringement, and representing dozens of clients of The Public Law Center, the Family Violence Center, Human Options, and other domestic violence shelters in Orange County. Ms. Schilling formerly served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Human Options.

Ms. Schilling is a long-time supporter of autism research and community outreach for children on the autism spectrum, including the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment), and the research and patient care provided by Dr. Jerry Kartzinel.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California State Bar

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association, Member of the Business Litigation Section and the Masters Division

EDUCATION

JD, University of California, Davis School of Law, 1987

BA (Anthropology), University of California, Berkeley, 1981