



Elinor Leary

Trial Team Leader

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Bio

Elinor Leary is the team leader of the Leary Trial Team which handles complex cases that involve life-altering injuries or death. The Leary Trial Team has expertise with cases that involve construction and worksite injuries, defective products, dangerous property conditions, negligent security, car and truck collisions, and incidents that involve pedestrians and bicyclists. Ms. Leary has tried cases to verdict as well as reached large settlements in numerous other cases, including cases listed in The Recorder's "Top Settlements" publications.

The Leary Trial Team provides extensive knowledge of the civil justice system and a commitment to helping clients when they face difficult times after a catastrophe. We help clients who have suffered fractures, amputations, head injuries, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and burn injuries. We also help families who have lost loved ones due to the fault of others in wrongful death actions. We have experience helping construction workers, laborers, truck drivers, union members, and other professionals and their families.

In addition to handling cases from start to finish, the Leary Trial Team also serves as trial counsel when colleagues call for last-minute help. Ms. Leary has been a clinical professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she taught advanced law students case investigation, courtroom advocacy, jury selection, and trial skills.

Ms. Leary believes in giving back to the community and devotes time to pro bono service for the San Francisco and Bay Area communities. Her pro bono work was previously recognized with nominations for the State Bar of California President's Pro Bono Service Award and Jack Berman Award of Achievement.

Ms. Leary enjoys travel, and lived for a time in Mexico City. She speaks Spanish fluently. She lives in San Francisco where she enjoys time spent with family and friends, preferably outdoors.

EDUCATION

- University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, California
 - J.D. – 2003
 - Honors: Advocate of the Year
 - Honors: Edward J. McFetridge Award for Excellence in Advocacy
 - Honors: Public Interest Law Foundation, Member
 - Honors: Women's Law Association, Member
 - Law Review: USF, Editor
- American University, Washington, D.C.
 - B.A.
 - Major: Law and Society
 - Major: Literature

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2003
- U.S. District Court Northern District of California

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Construction Accidents
- Workplace Injuries
- Personal Injury Accidents
- Dangerous Property
- Defective Products



Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Association for Justice, Active Member
- American Bar Association, Active Member
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Active Member – Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- California Women Lawyers, Member
- Consumer Attorneys of California, Member
- San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- University of San Francisco Inns of Court, Executive Committee
- University of San Francisco, School of Law, Board of Governors

Honors and Awards

- Rated AV-Preeminent for Ethical Standards & Ability – Martindale Hubbell
- Selected to the Northern California Super Lawyers List, 2014-Present – Top 5% of attorneys, as voted by peers
- Selected to the Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars List, 2011-2013
- Selected to the Top Northern California Female Lawyers (Super Lawyers), 2012 and 2013
- Two settlements honored in California's Top Settlements, The Recorder – Doe v. Roe Driver and Duenas v. Carter
- Nominated for the State Bar of California President's Pro Bono Service Award, 2008
- Nominated for the Jack Berman Award of Achievement, 2008

Publications

- Let Your Case Speak For Itself, Make the doctrine of res ipsa loquitur work for you, January 01, 2015
- Protecting Immigrant Clients From Having Their Cases Undervalued: Immigration Status Should Not Interfere With a Damages' Suit, December 01, 2013
- Waging War in the Courtroom and at Appeal, December 01, 2012
- Putting the Best Face on Your Client – “Warts and All”, December 01, 2011
- “Criminal” Torts – Maximizing Your Client's Recovery Through Effective Use of Victim Restitution, August 01, 2011
- Products Liability: The Manufacturer's Insurer as a Defendant, January 01, 2011



Speaking Engagements

- University of San Francisco School of Law, Intensive Advocacy Program, Co-Director, May-June 2016
- San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, “Trial Boot Camp Series; Being Real – How to Talk to Jurors in Voir Dire Presentation,” Speaker, May 2016
- CAOC, Sonoma Seminar, “What’s Trending Now,” Panel Moderator, April 2016
- SFTLA, Tahoe Shred, “Jury Selection,” Speaker, January 2016
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Intensive Advocacy Program, Co-Director, May-June 2016
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Intensive Advocacy Program, Faculty, May 2015
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinic, “Jury Selection”, Lecturer, April 2015
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinic, “Jury Selection”, Lecturer, November 2014
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinic, “Jury Selection”, Lecturer, April 2014
- University of San Francisco School of Law Chapter of the American Inn of Court, “Jury Voir Dire: The Challenges of Eliciting Vital Information”, Speaker, March 2014
- University of San Francisco School of Law, Clinical Professor

Professional Experience

- Alameda County Public Defender, Associate Deputy Public Defender

Pro Bono Activities

- Food From The Bar, San Francisco and Marin Food Banks, Volunteer, April 2013
- La Casa de las Madres – Past Volunteer
- GAAP, Past Volunteer