



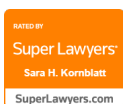
# Sara H. Kornblatt

## Partner

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## Professional Experience

Sara H. Kornblatt is a partner whose practice is concentrated in both the development and management of construction projects as well as handling claims and complex litigation matters. She is skilled in drafting and negotiating bid and contract documents for owners, contractors, and subcontractors, and handling bid protest and subcontractor substitution issues for both public entity owners and bidders. She represents clients in both litigation and arbitration, and has successfully advocated for her clients a number of times before the California Court of Appeal, including the published opinion *Lydig Construction, Inc. v. Martinez Steel Corporation*, which was a matter of first impression regarding writs of attachment. She has served as second chair trial counsel in two multi-million dollar construction disputes, representing a national construction firm and a public entity.

Ms. Kornblatt's unique experience in both contract drafting and litigation is an advantage for clients at all stages of a project. She drafts and negotiates bidding documents, requests for proposals, prime contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, consultant agreements, and master subcontract and supply agreements. She also advises clients regarding change orders and project close-out requirements, and handles claims both during projects and after completion. She manages litigation matters from inception through disposition, including strategy development, drafting and responding to discovery, taking and

defending depositions, preparing expert witnesses, drafting and arguing motions, negotiating settlements, and preparing for and participating in mediation, arbitration, and trial. She was recognized as a Southern California Rising Star by Super Lawyers® and *Los Angeles Magazine* from 2014 to 2018, and as Southern California Super Lawyer in 2021, and as a Next Generation Partner and Recommended Attorney by The Legal 500 in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Ms. Kornblatt is active in the ABA Forum on Construction Law, currently serving on the Steering Committee of Division 9 (Subcontractors and Suppliers), the Membership Committee, and the Publications Committee. She is a Session Coordinator for an upcoming Forum national meeting for a plenary on contract negotiations, a Site Coordinator for the Forum's Fall 2021 Regional Program on Fundamentals of Construction Law in Los Angeles, and Co-Chair of the Forum's Fall 2022 Regional Programs on construction contracts in six cities across the country. Ms. Kornblatt is also on the inaugural Steering Committee of the Construction Law Practice Area Committee of the California Lawyers Association.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Kornblatt worked in real estate development and acquisitions, which provides additional depth and dimension to her understanding of the business and construction issues her clients face. Ms. Kornblatt also conducts seminars for clients regarding contract drafting and negotiation and statutory payment remedies.

## Practice Areas

- Appellate Law
- Civil Litigation
- Construction Law
- Energy & Environmental Law
- Healthcare Law
- Public Contracts

## Education

- Loyola Law School (J.D.), Los Angeles, CA, 2008
  - First Honors – Legal Drafting, Civil Discovery, and California Business Torts; Dean's List, 2006–2007
  - Loyola Law Review: Staff Member, 2006–2007; Note & Comment Editor for the Student Symposium, 2007–2008
- Wittenberg University (B.A., Art, Business), Springfield, OH, 1992

## Bar Admissions

- California Bar No. 259004, Admitted 2008
- U.S. District Court, Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 2009
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2016

## Professional Memberships

- State Bar of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Associated General Contractors of California – Legal Advisory Committee
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law Member
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law, Chair of Regional Meetings (Fall 2022)
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law Steering Committee for Division 9 (Subcontractors and Suppliers)
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law Membership Committee
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law Site Coordinator for the regional meeting on Fundamentals of Construction Law (Los Angeles, CA September 2020)
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law Session Coordinator for the national meeting for the plenary on planning and executing contract negotiations (TBD)

## Publications

- Sara H. Kornblatt, (Co-Author) Chapter 3, "Construction Contracts," California Construction Law, 18th Ed. Supplement (Wolters Kluwer Law and Business 2019).
- Richard J. Wittbrodt, Sara H. Kornblatt & Michele A. Ellison, Applying *Lydig* to the Requirements for Requesting a Writ of Attachment, Los Angeles Lawyer, April 2016.
- Key Construction Contract Provisions, "Construction Savvy," (July-August 2013 at p. 8) (Co-Author).
- *Los Angeles Unified School District v. Great American Insurance Company & Hayward Construction Company*, Case: S165113, eInsight (Construction Law Update), April 15, 2010 (Co-Author).
- New Caltrans Race Conscious DBE Program, eInsight: Construction Law Update Article, April 15, 2009 (Co-Author). (Also published in the CMAA Southern California Summer 2009 Newsletter).
- *Are Emerging Technologies in Airport Passenger Screening Reasonable Under the Fourth Amendment?* 41 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 385 (2007).
- Update Author, Acret's California Public Contract Code Annotated, 2009, 2010 Editions.

- Update Author, Acret's California Public Contract Laws, 2011-2019 Editions.
- Update Author, Acret's California Construction Laws Annotated – Vol. II, 2014-2019 Editions.

## Published Opinions

- *Portland GE v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.* (9th Cir. 2017) 862 F.3d 981.
- *Lydig Construction, Inc. v. Martinez Steel Corporation* (2015) 234 Cal.App.4th 937, 184 Cal.Rptr.3d 329).

## Honors & Awards

- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2014 - 2018
- Southern California Super Lawyers, 2021
- The Legal 500, United States, Next Generation Partner, 2019
- The Legal 500, United States, Recommended Attorney, 2020, 2021