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PRACTICE AREAS

**Business & Commercial
Litigation**

Construction Litigation

Employment Litigation

Kristen Bush is a trial lawyer who represents individuals and businesses in contract disputes, employment, and construction matters. With experience on both sides of the courtroom—plaintiff and defense—she is known for pursuing practical, results-driven strategies to resolve disputes efficiently and effectively.

Deeply committed to professionalism and ethics in the practice of law, Kristen continues to develop her litigation and leadership skills. Kristen is a member of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (ABA-TIPS), holding multiple leadership roles, including a three-year term on the Council beginning in August 2025 and serving as chair-elect of the Standing Committee on Membership. Kristen has been recognized as a *Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Business Litigation in 2021, 2022, 2024, and 2025, a distinction reserved for only 2.5% of attorneys in each state.

Before joining Schwartz Semerdjian, Kristen served as a Judicial Extern for a United States District Judge in the Southern District of California. During law school, she was Executive Editor of the *San Diego Law Review* and served on the Graduate Student Council as a Law School Councilor. She earned her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law and her B.A. from the University of California, Merced.

Outside the courtroom, Kristen enjoys reading fiction, watching live sports, and going on adventures with her family.

EDUCATION

- University of California, Merced, (B.A. Political Science, with highest honors, 2008)
- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2012)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
- San Diego County Bar Association
- State Bar of California



SCHWARTZ SEMERDJIAN

Attorneys at Law

- Louis M. Welsh American Inn of Court (2012-2014)

AWARDS

- San Diego Rising Star - Business Litigation 2021-2022, *Super Lawyers*
- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section ("TIPS"), Leadership Academy, Graduate (2018-2019)
- American Bar Association, TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy, Graduate (2014)
- Co-Author, Thomas G. Hansford and Kristen Johnson, 2014 "The Supply of Amicus Curiae Briefs in the Market for Information at the U.S. Supreme Court." *Justice System Journal* 35(4):362-382.
- Author, Kristen Johnson, November 2014 "Depositions and Civility." *Trial Bar News* 37(9):5-6, 34.
- Author, Kristen Johnson, May 2014 "Spoliation Remedies." *Trial Bar News* 37(5):23-25.
- Author, Kristen Johnson, December 2012 "Discovering a Plaintiff's Current Personnel File." *Trial Bar News* 35(10):7-8, 33.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
 - Council Representative, ABA TIPS (2024-2025)
 - Chair-Elect, Standing Committee on Membership (2025-2026)
 - Chair, Ethics & Professionalism Committee (2021-2022)
 - Chair, ABA TIPS, Business Litigation Committee (2020-2021)
 - Chair-Elect, ABA, TIPS, Business Litigation Committee (2019-2020)
 - Chair-Elect, ABA, TIPS, Ethics & Professionalism Committee (2020-2021)
- Liaison, ABA, Standing Committee on Ethics and Professionalism Responsibility (2020-2021)