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Service Areas

Business Litigation; Class Action Litigation; Mass Tort & Product Liability; Medical & Pharmaceutical Liability

Bar Admissions

California, 1990
Texas, 1989
United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
United States District Court, District of Colorado, 1997

Education

University of Houston Law Center (J.D., 1988)
Rice University (B.A., 1984)
President's Honor Roll
Athletic Scholarship, Basketball Team Captain

Bio

Jean A. ("J") Hobart is a Partner in the Los Angeles office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP. She is a trial lawyer who works mainly in the areas of retail operations, consumer class actions, commercial litigation and products liability. Her experience includes intellectual property suits (copyright, trademark, and trade secrets), a lengthy administrative trial involving audit failures of a Big 4 accounting firm arising out of the Orange County bankruptcy, and national counsel for product manufacturers. She also was on the appellate defense team for *Daubert v. Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals*, the landmark case on admissibility of expert testimony.

J. also has extensive experience in appeals. She served as a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Joe. L. Draughn, Fourteenth Court of Appeals, State of Texas, and has handled numerous appeals in the state and federal courts of appeal with several published decisions. She served as an adjunct professor of Legal Writing at the University of Houston Law Center. J. grew up in Texas and currently lives in Los Angeles with her wife. She supports the Arts and enjoys politics.

Published Articles and Chapters

"Medical-Legal Aspects of Prescribing During Pregnancy," *Asthma and Allergy in Pregnancy and Early Infancy* (Marcel Dekker, Inc.), 1996 - co-author
"People v. Leahy: The California Supreme Court Reaffirms *Kelly/Frye Over Daubert*," *Product Safety & Liability Reporter* (Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.), February 1995 - co-author
"The Ninth Circuit after *Daubert*: Affirming the District Court's Role as Evidentiary Gatekeeper," *Res Ipsa (The Los Angeles Daily Journal and The San Francisco Daily Journal)*, October 1994; *Product Safety & Liability Reporter* (Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.), December 1994; *Toxics Law Reporter* (Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.), November 1994 - co-author

Published Opinions

Burns v. The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., 173 Cal.App.4th 479 (2009)
Parker v. McKee, 3 Cal.App. 4th 512 (1992)
McGhan Medical Corporation v. Superior Court, 11 Cal.App. 4th 804 (1992)
Snyder v. Superior Court, 157 Cal.App. 4th 1530 (2007)

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Tucker Ellis & West Diversity Committee, *Chair*
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