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**Service Areas**

Appellate & Legal Issues; Business Litigation; Medical & Pharmaceutical Liability

**Bar Admissions**

California, 2003  
United States District Court, Central District of California  
United States District Court, Northern District of California  
United States District Court, Southern District of California  
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

**Education**

University of Southern California (J.D., 2002)  
University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 1999)  
*Constitutional Law, Highest Departmental Honors*

**Bio**

Rebecca A. Lefler, a member of the Appellate and Legal Issues Group, is Counsel in the Los Angeles office. Her practice focuses on appeals and legal support for litigation teams in a wide variety of practice areas, including medical and pharmaceutical liability, consumer class actions, public entity liability, vehicle product liability, retail merchandise, and banking. Rebecca has authored appellate briefs, petitions for review, motions, and amicus briefs in numerous jurisdictions across the country. Prior to joining Tucker Ellis, Rebecca worked for the Los Angeles County Superior Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Rebecca is active in the firm's Writing Committee, and is a member of DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Appellate Courts Committee.

**Representative Cases**

*Zamora v. Textron, Inc.*, 2011 WL 576572 (Cal.App., 2011), reversing judgment following trial in a vehicle case in which court erroneously failed to judicially notice evidence of federal vehicle standards.

*Ruiz v. Podolsky* (as amicus counsel), 50 Cal.4th 838 (2010), holding that the arbitration provision of the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) binds family members in wrongful death actions.

*Polster v. Sacramento County Office of Education*, 180 Cal.App.4th 649 (2009), reversing a trial-level writ involving the powers of the county superintendent to limit wasteful spending.

*Burns v. Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.*, 173 Cal.App.4th 479 (2009), affirming dismissal of a complaint alleging a retailer was liable for receiving stolen funds.

**Recent Publications**

"[Remembering the Human Element: Storytelling in Legal Writing](#)" *DRI's for the Defense* (May 2012)

["It May Have Been Defective \(But Now It's Gone\): Proof of Manufacturing Defect When the Product Is Lost or Destroyed," \*DRI's RX for the Defense\*,](#) (October 2011)

["Heir' on the Side of Caution: California Supreme Court Holds That A Patient-Signed Arbitration Agreement May Bind Future Heirs in Case of Wrongful Death," \*The Recorder\*,](#) (August 2010)

["Reader-Centered Writing" \*DRI's For the Defense\*](#) (September 2009)