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## Skye Langs

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Skye Langs' practice focuses on complex civil litigation in state and federal court, with an emphasis on land use and real estate. She has successfully defended numerous major projects against challenges arising under the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as other state and local land use laws, and represented countless owners and tenants in disputes concerning their property rights. In addition, she has experience in a diverse range of subjects, including corporate governance, employment laws, personal injury, securities fraud, call recording and wiretapping, and trademarks.

Skye also has an active pro bono practice. She has represented low-income San Francisco residents fighting eviction, and helped individuals clean up their criminal records, recover legal judgments, obtain conservatorships, and challenge the constitutionality of provisions of the California Penal Code.

Prior to law school, Skye was a tenured high school teacher and Cross Country coach in Fremont, California.

Skye graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. During law school, she externed for the Honorable Jeffrey White in the Northern District of California and interned at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Francisco. She was also a member of Hastings' award-winning moot court team.

Skye earned her B.A. in Philosophy, with honors, from Grinnell College in Iowa. She currently serves as a Class Fund Director, and is a member of the reunion planning committee.

### Notable Representations

Successfully defended approval of major mixed-use business and residential project in downtown San Francisco, resulting in published opinion. (See *South of Market Community Action Network v. City and County of San Francisco* (2019) 33 Cal.App.5th 321.)

Obtained judgment in developer's favor in CEQA lawsuit challenging permits for construction of 124-unit residential building in San Jose. (See *Villas at Santana Park Homeowners Association v. City of San Jose* (Cal. Ct. App., Apr. 30, 2020, No. H045644) 2020 WL 2079348.)

Represented developer of mixed-use San Francisco development in streamlined AB 900 CEQA litigation; secured favorable settlement during appeal.

Successfully represented developer of major sports entertainment complex in lawsuits arising under CEQA and the Surplus Land Act.

Secured complete victory for partnership in private arbitration of buy-out price for minority partner.

Counseled high-profile executive in whistleblower investigation, resulting in a finding that client violated no laws or internal policies.

Survived highly contested motions to dismiss in plaintiff-side securities fraud and breach of contract cases.

Persuaded plaintiff in personal injury suit against investment fund to dismiss all claims prior to the filing of any responsive pleadings.

### Professional Activities

Skye is a member of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Edward J. McFetridge American Inn of Court, and Urban Land Institute. She is admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northern District of California.

### Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Author, "[What 2020 Land Use Cases Taught \(Or Reminded\) Us About Litigation Basics](#)" (March 2021)
- Co-Author, "[Landmark Second Circuit Ruling Clarifies the Standards for Mobile Contracts](#)" (August 2017)
- Co-Author, "[Statutory Class Actions Hang In The Balance At High Court,](#)" Law360 (November 2015)

### Education

J.D., magna cum laude University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2012)

B.A., with honors Grinnell College (2000)