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A member of Alston & Bird's Litigation Group, Kathy J. Huang has a proven track record of providing valuable and strategic solutions for clients facing major exposure and bet-the-company litigation. She focuses her practice on class action defense, including defense of claims of unfair competition, unfair business practices, and false advertising. Kathy routinely counsels clients on matters that can have a significant impact on a company's operations and reputation and has defended class actions and other complex litigation in federal and state courts across the U.S. Her clients include Fortune 500 companies in life insurance and financial services, nutrition and product supplement companies, major sports apparel retailers and manufacturers, and health care plans. In addition, Kathy has a background in intellectual property issues and insurance recovery matters.

Kathy was recognized in 2020 as one of the "Top Minority Attorneys in Los Angeles" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. She has been named a "Rising Star" by *Southern California Super Lawyers* for the Class Actions/Mass Torts practice area. She was also named a 2016 Next Generation Leader with The Committee of 100, a national nonpartisan leadership organization of prominent Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, and the arts. Kathy is the chair of the Los Angeles Office Pro Bono Committee and currently serves on the board of Public Counsel, the nation's largest pro bono law firm.

Representative Experience

- Obtained a complete defense verdict after a seven-week jury trial in a fraud and breach of fiduciary duty case.
- Defended and obtained successful resolutions of several putative class actions alleging violations of the California Automatic Renewal Law, the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, and the Unfair Competition Law.
- Resolved a cost-of-insurance increase class action in the Eastern District of Virginia successfully for the client.
- Resolved a failure to properly charge a cost-of-insurance class action in the District of Oregon.
- Defeated class certification on a breach of fiduciary duty claim in a case involving investments in an alleged Ponzi scheme.
- Defeated class certification in a consumer class action alleging violation of the "unlawful" prong of the California Unfair Competition Law.
- Defeated class certification and won summary judgment in a national class action involving index annuity sales.
- Obtained dismissal of a class action against a vision health care plan.

- Won summary judgment on all claims in a case involving a failed life settlement scheme concocted by the plaintiff's agent and financial advisor.
- Obtained dismissals of putative class actions on behalf of nutritional supplement manufacturers in cases involving claims for false advertising, unfair competition, and violation of the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act.
- Settled a class action involving claims of unfair competition, fraud, and breach of contract involving fixed-indexed annuities, after paring down claims at the certification stage.
- Settled a putative class action, on behalf of a global sports and lifestyle brand, in a case involving alleged false and deceptive advertising practices over compression gear.
- Won summary judgment in a class action involving equity-indexed annuities after defeating a renewed motion to certify class claims.
- Litigated and resolved, on behalf of a global sports and lifestyle brand, a putative class action in federal district court alleging false and deceptive advertising practices over toning shoes.
- Won summary judgment in a nationwide class action on behalf of a life insurance company in a case involving an alleged scheme to fraudulently market fixed deferred annuities.
- Secured a full defense verdict in a jury trial in favor of a life insurer against plaintiffs alleging fraud in the sale of life insurance. The court of appeal affirmed the defense verdict.
- Litigated and resolved a class action alleging false and deceptive advertising practices over dietary supplements.
- Settled a putative class action involving alleged false and deceptive advertising practices over nutritional supplements after securing dismissal of a related case.
- Defeated a class certification motion involving alleged false and deceptive advertising practices over pre-paid Visa cards.
- Argued and won an appeal before the Ninth Circuit, resulting in a published opinion deciding two novel issues of immigration law.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- *A Practitioner's Guide to Class Actions*, 3rd ed., American Bar Association, November 2021.
- "NY Reg 187 Amendment May Not Be in Anyone's Best Interest," *Law360*, June 6, 2018.

Education

- Georgetown University (J.D., 2005)
- Stanford University (M.A., 2002)
- Stanford University (B.A., 2002)

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese
- Taiwanese

Admitted to Practice

- California