

# **Jamie Gross**

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#### Service Focus

- Counseling and Advice
- Class and Collective Actions
- Employment Discrimination and Harassment
- Litigation and Trials
- Wage and Hour

## **Industry Focus**

Energy

#### Overview

Jamie Gross is a zealous advocate and advisor for local, regional and national employers and companies in a broad range of employment related issues. Jamie is an experienced litigator and regularly handles multi-party complex and class actions litigation throughout California, while also counselling her clients towards risk mitigation and best practices to prevent litigation.

Jamie routinely defends employers in state and federal courts throughout California as well as before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). She regularly and zealously defends her clients in all types of wage-and-hour actions including claims for: unpaid wages, unpaid overtime, meal period and rest break violations, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to pay minimum wages, regular rate of pay issues and wage statement violations whether on an individual basis or in class or PAGA representative matters.

In addition, Jamie maintains a practice defending her clients against claims of wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), retaliation and breach of contract.

In order to best counsel her clients, ensure compliance and mitigate risk, Jamie is a go-to resource for employers and advises her clients on its employee handbooks and related policies, and also provides counseling to employers on a variety of issues, including preventative advice regarding wage-and-hour compliance, investigations of alleged misconduct in the workplace, hiring, discipline and termination practices, leaves of absences, and the interactive process and reasonable accommodations.

## Recent Experience

## **Experience**

- Representative counsel for multi-million-dollar nationwide trucking company in class and PAGA
  representative lawsuits involving claims of misclassification by drivers attacking owner-operator
  business model based on *Borello* and AB5 with intensive litigation of related issues arising from
  federal preemption
- Lead counsel in Plaintiff v. Non-Profit Agency: successfully resolved PAGA and individual wage and hour and FEHA claims for \$35,000 on an individual basis with PAGA dismissal with potential PAGA penalties in excess of \$700,000.
- Secured dismissal of class claims on behalf of national restaurant franchisee through enforcement of arbitration agreement in the face of high exposure for Labor Code violations including meal and rest breaks.
- Implemented strategy to defeat class claims arising from alleged misclassification of store managers by roll out of arbitration agreements for national high end jewelry company.
- Lead counsel in Plaintiffs v. Staffing Agency: secured favorable resolution of multi-plaintiff FEHA and wage and hour claims with PAGA representative action for \$40,000 contribution from client despite PAGA penalties valued up to \$3,000,000 and indemnification/contribution claims from onsite employer based on contractual agreement to the same.

#### Credentials

#### Education

- J.D., 2014, St. John's University School of Law
- B.A., 2011, University of Maryland

#### **Bar Admissions**

California

#### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

### **Insights**

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