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Areas of Practice

Pilar French focuses her practice in the area of commercial litigation. She has been lead counsel on a variety of matters, including cases involving securities laws and regulations, banking and lender liability, fair credit reporting, truth-in-lending, fair debt collection, equal credit, RESPA and unlawful trade practices. Pilar also happens to be a local musician and provides legal services to Portland's music industry.

Prior to coming to Lane Powell, Pilar worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice. While there, she represented the state in national and local cases involving enforcement of Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act, and matters concerning civil rights violations or claims of discrimination.

Professional Experience

Honors Attorney, Oregon Department of Justice, (Areas of Practice: Unlawful trade practice enforcement, civil rights litigation and appellate advocacy)

Admitted to Practice

Oregon
Washington
U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Academics

Indiana University (J.D., 1996)
Received Top Papers in Environmental Law and Feminist Jurisprudence
Finalist and Top Oralist, National Administrative Law Moot Court Competition (1995)
Northwestern University (B.A., with honors, 1992)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Business
Fiduciary Litigation
Financial Institutions
Government
Intellectual Property and Technology
Litigation
Mortgage and Consumer Finance
Products Liability
Real Estate Litigation
Securities

Publications

“You always remember your first...,” *Oregon Daily Journal of Commerce’s* BrieflyLegalPDX Newsletter, Interviewed (June 23, 2011)

“Looking Out for the Little Guy: Consumer Law Attorneys Say Federal, State Protections Becoming Increasingly Stronger,” *Oregon State Bar Bulletin*, Quoted (April 2011)

“Committee tones down bill on consumer protection,” *Portland Business Journal* (December 2009)

“Or Otherwise,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (February 1999)

Speaking Engagements

“Enforcing Oregon’s Trust Deed Act: Nonjudicial Foreclosure From the Lender’s Perspective,” Multnomah Bar Association Seminar (October 27, 2011)

Professional and Community Activities

Portland Business Alliance, Leadership Portland Class of 2005

CourtCare Advisory Board Member

Southeast Legal Clinic

Member, Multnomah Bar Association

Sellers of Travel Legislative Committee, Co-chairperson (1997-1998)

American Inns of Court (1995-1996, 1999-2005)

Oregon Women Lawyers Society (1999-2000)