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Pilar French is a diligent and fearless advocate for her clients, representing clients in complex commercial litigation and counseling them on crisis management and emergency remedies. During her 20-year law practice, Pilar has litigated high-stakes matters for a variety of clients including software providers, retailers, manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and financial institutions.

In addition to having significant experience in defending against government enforcement actions, Pilar has extensive experience in matters involving the financial and banking industry and has received annual recognition for her work by *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2013.

Pilar brings project management skills to complex consumer, real estate and government enforcement litigation and is a Lean Sigma Yellow Belt®.

Before joining Lane Powell in 1999, 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 Practice Act, Oregon's Public Records Law, and matters concerning civil rights violations or claims of discrimination. Since leaving the Oregon Department of Justice, she has continued representing clients in these areas pro bono.

Experience

Rosenblum v. Oracle America Inc.

Representing Oracle America in a series of lawsuits in Oregon state and federal courts between Oracle and the state of Oregon arising out of Oregon's attempts to create and manage a state health insurance exchange (HIX) under the Federal Affordable Care Act.

California Based National Lender Mortgage Litigation

Practices & Industries

Commercial Litigation
Financial Institutions Litigation &
Investigations

Education

Indiana University, J.D., 1996

- Received Top Papers in Environmental Law and Feminist Jurisprudence
- National Administrative Law Moot Court Competition, Finalist and Top Oralist (1995)

Northwestern University, B.A., with honors, 1992

Accreditation

Legal Lean Sigma® and Project Management

- Yellow Belt Certification

Admissions

Oregon
Washington
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western
Districts of Washington
U.S. District Court, Oregon
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Oregon
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Languages

French

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America®, Banking
and Finance Litigation (2013-2021)

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/pilarfrench/>

Assisted a California based national lender in setting aside a \$750,000 default judgment levied against it.

Henry G. Luken III v. Christensen Group Incorporated, et al.

Successfully resolved a complex commercial dispute on behalf of a ship building business investor.

Professional Experience

Oregon Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General (1996-1999)

- Areas of Practice: Unlawful trade practice enforcement, civil rights litigation and appellate advocacy

Community Involvement

American Inn of Court (1995-1996, 1999-2005, 2017-Present)

Oregon Women Lawyers Society (1999-2000, 2017-Present)

League of Minority Voters, Board Member (2018-2019)

Artichoke Music, Board Member (2015-2016)

Portland Business Alliance, Leadership Portland, Participant (Class of 2005)

Multnomah Bar Association

- Member
- Board Member, CourtCare Advisory Board (2004)

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

American Bar Association, Member

Southeast Legal Clinic, Volunteer

Thought Leadership

August 20, 2020 | News

The Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Recognizes 92 Lane Powell Attorneys

Awards & Honors

April 27, 2020 | Publication

Will Congressional Amendments to the CARES Act Actually Help 'Mom and Pop' -Sized, and Women and Minority-Owned, Small Businesses?
COVID-19 Resource

April 23, 2020 | Publication

Potential Lender Liability Under the CARES Act
COVID-19 Resource

March 30, 2020 | Publication

Congress Also CARES About Self-Employed Individuals
COVID-19 Resource

March 28, 2020 | Publication

Why Everyone CARES About SBA Loans: Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Relief for 'Small' Businesses
COVID-19 Resource

March 23, 2020 | Publication

Small Businesses in Oregon and Washington May Be Eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans Due to COVID-19
COVID-19 Resource

October 2019 | Publication

Residential Foreclosures (Judicial) (OR)
Westlaw Practice Note

Summer 2019 | Publication

Join the Jetsons: Make Technology Work for Your Legal Practice
American Bar Association's *The Woman Advocate*

August 15, 2019 | News

The Best Lawyers in America© 2020 Recognizes 63 Lane Powell Attorneys
Awards & Honors

August 8, 2019 | Event / CLE

Bank Fraud and Other Litigation Trends
Oregon Banker's Association | Salem, Oregon

August 15, 2018 | News

The Best Lawyers in America© 2019 Recognizes 62 Lane Powell Attorneys Awards & Honors

August 15, 2017 | News

Fifty-nine Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers*® in America 2018 Awards & Honors

August 17, 2016 | News

Fifty-one Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 Awards & Honors

August 17, 2015 | News

Forty-eight Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 Awards & Honors

October 22, 2014 | News

French and Poplawski Author Chapters in Oregon Statutory Time Limitations Legal Guide

August 18, 2014 | News

Fifty-One Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 Awards & Honors

August 2014 | Publication

Residential Trust Deeds and Mortgages; Foreclosure
Oregon State Bar's Oregon Statutory Time Limitations Guide