

# MESSING ADAM & JASMINE

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Wendi is an experienced litigator, trial lawyer and negotiator. Over her three-decade career, she has been engaged in almost every area of civil litigation. Her current labor and employment practice focuses on advice and counsel, civil litigation, arbitration, mediation, trainings, and investigations.

Wendi came to Messing Adam & Jasmine LLP after eleven years at Schiff Hardin LLP (27 years all told between Schiff Hardin and Morgenstein & Jubelirer LLP, the litigation boutique that in 2007 combined with and became Schiff Hardin's San Francisco office). Wendi brings to MAJ her extensive complex and high-stakes litigation experience, her trial and arbitration savvy, and her careful and meticulous strategizing skill. Before leaving Schiff Hardin, and among many other notable accomplishments, Wendi was a key player on the plaintiffs' team in a multi-year, multi-phase fraudulent conveyance case that resulted in a \$575 million payout for the plaintiffs.

## EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1989 *cum laude*

– *Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Law Review*, Editor (1987-88) and Managing Editor (1988-89)

Brown University, B.A., 1986 *magna cum laude*

– Phi Beta Kappa

## AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association—Litigation Section; Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee Past Vice Chair (2015-2018); Tomorrow's Lawyer Subcommittee (2014-2015)

State Bar of California

Bar Association of San Francisco

## PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating since 2006

## SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

“Too Hot to Handle: What to Do When the Ultra-High-Profile Matter Finds You,” Panel Moderator at American Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Conference (Apr. 16, 2015)

## PUBLICATIONS

“A Look at Recent U.S. Supreme Court Cases Overturning Precedent,” *PORAC Law Enforcement News* (August 2020)

Co-author with Gary Messing, “Sacramento Court Refuses to Allow Public Access to CalPERS Retirees’ Disability Information,” *PORAC Law Enforcement News* (December 2019)

Co-author with Matthew Taylor, “Supreme Court Reverses Denial of Qualified Immunity in Excessive-Force Case,” *PORAC Law Enforcement News* (February 2019)

“Alter Ego Liability in a Post-Tort World,” *American Bar Association Business Torts Journal* (June 16, 2015)

“‘If You Want A Guarantee, Buy a Toaster’: When Do Judges Close Courtrooms in Civil Cases?” (co-author) *American Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Conference* (Apr. 15-17, 2015)

“Multiple Chemical Sensibility in the Courtroom: Is There Life After Daubert?” *Defense Counsel Journal*, V. 63 N 4 (Oct. 1996)

Contributing author to *The Labor Beat*, Messing Adam & Jasmine’s periodic publication and alerts highlighting topics germane to public sector labor and employment