



Therese L. Tully

partner

Teri is a partner in the firm's Litigation Department. Known for her strategic approach, creative problem-solving and commitment to client advocacy, she practices across diverse and high-stakes legal environments.

Teri has over 25 years of experience handling complex, high-stakes commercial litigation. She has obtained favorable outcomes for clients in federal and state courts throughout the country and in commercial arbitrations and mediations.

Her litigation and counseling experience spans a wide range of complex legal matters, including hospitality litigation, partnership disputes, business torts, fiduciary duty cases, intellectual property litigation, insurance litigation, toxic tort litigation, commercial contract disputes, internal investigations, and investigations and enforcement actions under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Teri has worked extensively with owners of luxury hotels, resorts and clubs on matters involving leasing, management and employment disputes.

She has also worked on numerous significant pro bono matters including a death penalty appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, a political asylum appeal, a bench trial on a divorce/order of protection case for a female victim of domestic violence and several Section 1983 cases.

Prior to joining Porter Wright, Teri was a partner at a commercial litigation boutique in Chicago, served as a civil prosecutor for the Federal Trade Commission, and practiced at a leading global law firm. Teri also spent two years clerking for the Hon. Martin C. Ashman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Litigation

- Represented the owner of a luxury hotel and private club located in Santa Barbara in an insurance coverage action seeking over \$12 million in property damage and business interruption losses against numerous global primary and excess London market insurers arising from unpaid catastrophic fire and mudslide damage claims

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996

Oakland University, B.S., *with honors*, 1993

SERVICES

Litigation

- Arbitration and mediation
- Commercial litigation
- Hospitality
- Intellectual property litigation
- Non-competition and trade secrets litigation

Labor & Employment

- Executive compensation
- Whistleblowing and retaliation
- Hospitality

Real Estate

- Commercial leasing
- Hospitality
- Real estate litigation

- Represented the owner of a Manhattan luxury hotel in federal litigation involving breach of contract, indemnity and negligence claims arising out of a \$100 million+ renovation project
- Represented the owner of a luxury resort and related parties in California state court against contract and tort claims arising from the termination of a service provider at the property
- Defended a California-based resort and spa in multimillion-dollar litigation brought by a management company over issues involving breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duties
- Defended a hotel owner and a management company against breach of contract and fraud claims arising out of the purchase of a \$101 million resort property in which the plaintiff sought \$30 million in compensatory damages and punitive damages
- Represent a large commercial real estate development company in a complex, multiphase fraud and breach of fiduciary duty trial in Chancery Court seeking a multimillion-dollar damages award
- Represented a real estate development company in a contract dispute involving use restrictions on the provision of financial services at a property
- Represented the owner of manufactured home communities in litigation against a city in California regarding the constitutionality of a rent control ordinance
- Defended a major retailer in a lawsuit brought by a grocery chain seeking temporary and permanent injunctive relief arising out of an alleged breach of a lease agreement
- Defended a large international petroleum company in a toxic tort suit asserting claims for negligence, nuisance, trespass, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress and punitive damages arising out of alleged oil contamination in a rural town
- Defended a national manufacturer of electronic equipment used in parimutuel betting facilities against claims for injury and damages arising from the plaintiffs' alleged exposure to asbestos in defendants' products
- Represented an ultra-high-net-worth individual and a related entity in federal and state courts against palimony and related claims
- Defended an assistant coach for a major Division I women's basketball team charged with ethics violations by a state agency
- Represented a large manufacturer and distributor of food packaging products in a lawsuit alleging negligent supervision of an independent contractor who suffered severe injury at a packaging plant
- Represented a recruiting software company in federal litigation involving alleged breach of an employment contract and the enforcement of a non-compete provision
- Represented an Italian company in a suit alleging the infringement of a chemical patent for a starch used to manufacture biodegradable silverware and plates

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Investigations, White Collar Defense & Shareholder Litigation

- Shareholder and derivative litigation
- White collar criminal defense

Environmental

- Environmental litigation and toxic tort

Business Growth & Operation

- Hospitality

Entrepreneurship & Startups

- Hospitality

- Represented a multinational toy company in federal litigation involving claims for trademark infringement, unfair competition and breach of contract against a former licensee and related defendants
- Represented the corporate owner of patents for the manufacture of uninterruptible power supply products in patent infringement litigation
- Defended a manufacturing company in arbitration involving employment and patent infringement claims brought by a tool manufacturing company
- Represented an executive in a whistleblower administrative action against a major financial services company
- Represented a partner in a prominent large law firm in a legal malpractice action

Corporate Counseling

- Counsels the owner of luxury hotels, resorts, and private clubs located in Manhattan, Santa Barbara and Los Cabos in connection with matters involving hotel management agreements, leasing and business issues
- Counsels a multinational toy company in connection with contract and other business issues
- Counseled a multinational toy company regarding trademark clearance issues
- Counseled members of a real estate ownership LLC regarding a lease dispute with a well-known national food chain
- Counseled executives in a real estate asset management company, a construction company and other industries regarding employment separation agreements

Investigations

- Conducted an internal investigation of an executive of a corporate acquisition target accused of criminal conduct
- Conducted an internal investigation of a recruiting software company's general counsel accused of embezzling funds from the company and counseled the chief executive officer regarding the findings of the investigation
- Oversaw an internal investigation of a real estate investment company's cybersecurity and hard security protocols and oversaw the creation of new protocols for cybersecurity and crisis situations
- Represented investors in a company that was developing a senior living facility which was being investigated and ultimately prosecuted by the Securities and Exchange Commission
- Conducted a government investigation of a multinational company providing fraudulent medical treatments and coordinated the enforcement efforts of three countries
- Conducted a government investigation of a company operating a work-from-home scam

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- National Association of Professional Women

HONORS | AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent

COMMUNITY

- Forever Fortunate Felines, Volunteer and Foster
- Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control, Member of the Associate Board of Directors, 2011-2012
- Erie Neighborhood House, TEAM Volunteer
- Academy of the Sacred Heart Alumnae and Alumni Association