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A partner in Lieff Cabraser's San Francisco office, Sarah R. London is a determined, skilled, and experienced advocate for the injured, employees, and consumers.

In February of 2020, Sarah was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the Gilead HIV Drug Kidney & Bone Injuries Litigation. In December of 2019, she was appointed to serve as Co-Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel for plaintiffs in the nationwide multidistrict Juul e-cigarette fraud and injury litigation.

In September of 2019, Sarah was appointed by Judge Judith E. Levy to serve as Subclass Settlement Counsel in *In re Flint Water Cases*, the federal class action lawsuit seeking justice for the over 100,000 residents of Flint, Michigan who were exposed to seriously elevated levels of lead as a result of insufficient water treatment.

Sarah further serves in lead roles in numerous women's health cases, including work as court-appointed Liaison Counsel and Interim Class Counsel in the federal class action filed on behalf of families in May 2018 against San Francisco's Pacific Fertility Center over the Center's March 2018 allegedly negligent destruction of hundreds of frozen eggs and embryos as a result of a leak in a cryogenic storage tank. Sarah also served in a leadership role in successful litigation recovering millions of dollars on behalf of women who suffered serious injuries due to complications from allegedly defective trans-vaginal surgical mesh.

Sarah has been directly involved in several recent California environmental disaster and wildfire cases, including the devastating 2017 North Bay and Southern California wildfires, litigation against Plains All American Pipeline arising out of the 2015 oil spill in Santa Barbara, and two important class action cases on behalf of homeowners and businesses that suffered economic injuries in the wake of the massive Porter Ranch gas leak, which began in October of 2015 and lasted into February of 2016.

Sarah has distinguished herself as an active member of fourteen trial teams, and is experienced in all aspects of trial work, from drafting and arguing motions in limine, opposing Daubert challenges to plaintiffs' experts and deposing defendants' experts, and serving as

lead trial counsel to writing successful post-trial and appellate briefs. In 2015, Sarah served as Lead Trial Counsel in a lawsuit in the Florida smokers litigation, obtaining a \$3 million judgment for the plaintiff. The previous year, she second chaired a trial in the same litigation that secured a \$41.1 million jury verdict. The trial successes of Sarah and other Lief Cabraser trial lawyers contributed substantially to convincing the tobacco industry defendants to agree, for the first time ever, to a mass settlement of individual smoker lawsuits.

Sarah was also deeply involved in preparing one of the initial cases in the Yaz birth control injury litigation – a “bellwether” case – selected for trial. She deposed fact witnesses and physicians and successfully opposed motions filed by defendant Bayer Corporation to exclude certain damaging scientific evidence. Sarah assisted our clients outside the courtroom, including accompanying one of Lief Cabraser’s clients whose 19-year old daughter died suddenly while taking Yaz to testify before a scientific advisory committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration convened to review the safety of Yaz.

Sarah’s expertise in pre-trial motions includes successfully overcoming statutes of limitations defenses in personal injury cases. In the Toyota Sudden Acceleration litigation, the Court denied Toyota’s motion to dismiss cases where Lief Cabraser’s clients were unaware of Toyota’s alleged fraud and defective design until several years after their vehicles inexplicably sped out of control and caused permanent and, in some cases, fatal injuries.

Sarah’s trial successes also include class action litigation. In the Norvir antitrust case, a group of pharmacies alleged that Abbott Laboratories monopolized the market for HIV medicines used in conjunction with Abbott’s prescription drug Norvir. Sarah worked extensively on the case’s trial preparation, researching and drafting motions in limine, voir dire questions, jury instructions, and trial stipulations. In 2011, the case settled during trial for \$52 million.

A Super Lawyers Rising Star for eight consecutive years and 2015 finalist for the Consumer Attorneys of California Streetfighter of the Year Award, Sarah has held multiple leadership positions in Consumer Attorneys of California, including her current position on the Board of Governors. In September 2019, Sarah was appointed Chair of the Resource Board of the National Association of Women Judges.

She has served on the Board of Governors and was membership chair of the New Lawyers Division. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco/Marin YWCA.

Areas of Practice

Personal Injury

Education

University of California, School of Law (Berkeley Law), Berkeley, California
J.D. - 2009

Honors: Order of the Coif

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
B.A. (Cum Laude) - 2002

Bar Admissions

California, 2009
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 2009
U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, 2012
U.S. District Court Central District of California, 2010
U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 2009

Professional Associations and Memberships

Co-Chair, JUUL Litigation Group, American Association for Justice, 2019
Resource Board Co-Chair, National Association of Women Judges, 2019
American Association for Justice (Executive Committee, Section on Toxic, Environmental & Pharmaceutical Torts, 2016)
Bar Association of San Francisco
Consumer Attorneys of California (Board of Governors, 2012 - 2013)
San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
State Bar of California
YWCA of San Francisco and Marin (Board of Directors)

Honors & Awards

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in the fields of “Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions - Plaintiffs,” 2017 - 2021
“California Trailblazer,” The Recorder, 2020
“Super Lawyer for Northern California,” Super Lawyers, 2020
“40 and Under Hot List,” Benchmark Litigation, 2018, 2020
“Rising Star for Northern California,” Super Lawyers, 2012 - 2020
“Top 40 Under 40,” California Daily Journal, 2018
Leadership Academy, Consumer Attorneys of California, 2017

Classes & Seminars

Moderator, “How the Courts Can Promote Equity in the Legal Profession,” National Association of Women Judges Midyear Meeting, April 2021
Speaker, “Testing The Test Case: Developments in JUUL and TDF Cases,” Consumer Attorneys of California Sonoma Virtual Seminar, March 2021
Speaker, “ABA Environmental & Energy, Mass Torts and Products Liability Litigation Committee’s Joint Virtual Regional CLE Program,” January 2021
Speaker, “Trial Lawyer Power Hour: Courtroom Fundamentals on How to Run, Block, Pass and Tackle,” 59th Annual Consumer Attorneys of California Virtual Convention, November 2020
Speaker, “Trial Skills Quick Hits,” Consumer Attorneys of California Sonoma Travel Seminar, March 2020
Speaker, “Breakout Session: Juul Injury litigation,” and “Pay Equity for Female Lawyers,” Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference,” October 2019
Speaker, “Harmful Effects Of JUUL: An Overview of Nicotine Addiction Science and Cardiovascular/ Pulmonary Effects,” HarrisMartin’s JUUL, E-Cigarettes & Vaping Conference: Emerging Litigation and Liability Theories Agenda, September 2019
Speaker, “Everything You Want to Know About Mass Torts (But Are too Afraid to Ask),” American

Association for Justice Annual Mass Torts Seminar, June 2019
Speaker, "Notable Recent & Pending Cases in the 9th Circuit and SCOTUS," Bridgeport Class Action Litigation and Management Conference, May 2019
Speaker, "Preparing Fact Witnesses for Trial," Bridgeport Consumer Class Action Litigation Conference, November 2018
Speaker, "Preparing for Trial," Consumer Attorneys of California Convention, November 2018
Speaker, "Trial Focused Discovery: You Don't Always Get What You Want, But You Get What You Need," ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, May 2017
Moderator and Speaker, "1st Day of Trial," San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, February 2017
Speaker, "Trial Focused Discovery, or Best Practices in Preparing Your Client for Deposition," Consumer Attorneys of California Trial Arts Seminar, December 2016
Moderator, "Real Talk About Trial Experiences," Consumer Attorneys of California Convention, November 2016
Speaker, "Trial Skills, Trial-Focused Discovery: What You Need and How to Use It," ABA Women in Products Liability, November 2016
Speaker, "Why Aren't More Female Lawyers Making it to Trial?" San Francisco Lawyers Association Women's Caucus, January 2016