



Marie Wright-Travis

Description

Biography

Marie Wright-Travis's™ practice is focused on employment, healthcare, business, and general commercial litigation matters. She brings over twenty years of legal and executive experience spanning both private industry and the public sector.

Before joining Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, Marie served as Associate General Counsel for the San Diego office of a pharmaceutical company and as an executive of the City of San Diego's™ Public Utilities Department, overseeing Long-Range Water Resources, Finance and IT, and Customer Service.

Earlier in her career, Marie was Director of Legal at Amylin Pharmaceutical, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol Meyers Squibb where she advised operations and manufacturing leadership to help bring several first-in-class therapeutics to market. She also served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego, advising the Mayor, City Council, and City Engineer.

Marie began her legal career as law clerk to the Hon. Irma E. Gonzales (Ret.), the former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. She later practiced with DLA Piper, LLP (formerly Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, LLP), representing Fortune 100 and 500 companies and emerging businesses in securities, business, tort, construction, and professional, insurance, and general commercial litigation.

Marie served as appellate counsel, arguing before the Fourth District and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, resulting in two published decisions in her clients's™ favor:

- In Re Del Mission, Limited Debtor, the State of California State Board of Equalization; The State of California Employment Development Department, Appellants v. Harold S. Taxel, Trustee, Appellee, 998 F.2d 756 (9th 1993).
- Fourth District Court of Appeal, Ahern v. Dillenback (1991) 1 Cal.App.4th

Admissions

- All Courts of the State of California
- All United States District Courts for California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- All Courts in the District of Columbia

Memberships and Activities

- California State Bar
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
- Past Board Member Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
- National Bar Association
- Harvard Alumni Association
- Past President North County Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.
- Past Board of Director for San Diego Chapter of the Links, Inc.
- American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter
- Adjunct Professor at Thomas Jefferson Law School teaching Appellate Advocacy and Legal Research and Writing
- Boards of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary Life-time Member

Education

- Harvard University, School of Medicine, Global Healthcare Leadership Program, Certification, 2025
- University of San Diego, School of Law, J.D., 1989
- University of California at Los Angeles, B.A. in Economics-Business, with college honors, 1986