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Leslie Fales is a seasoned litigator who loves a challenge and a courtroom. She brings an intense personal investment to her cases and cultivates client trust through reliability, keen advocacy, and positive results.

Joining Severson and Werson in 2019, Ms. Fales practices in the firm's Insurance Practice Group and is a member of Severson's trial team. She handles high-exposure cases involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death arising out of vehicular collisions, trucking accidents, product defects, premises liability claims, and construction site injuries. She also handles breach of contract litigation and construction defect matters. In so doing, she is responsible for all aspects of case management. She is adept at attacking complex problems with innovative solutions and efficiency, *without sacrificing quality*.

Before joining Severson, Ms. Fales was a litigator at a national law firm with a diverse case load. Relevant experiences include: achieving positive results for Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes construction defect cases, and successful outcomes for individuals and small businesses in employment discrimination, habitability, and real estate disputes.

Ms. Fales received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law (USF). While at USF, she was a merit scholar, the President of the Women's Law Association, and a member of the award-winning advanced trial team. She was a certified law student for two years and represented clients in administrative hearings before the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Labor Commissioner, the EEOC, and the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Ms. Fales also clerked at the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office and represented the County in felony drug cases.

Prior to practicing law, Ms. Fales spent five years as a staff member in the Office of Legal Affairs at the University of California, Berkeley. She still loves the Cal Bears.

Education

- University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 2012
- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., History, 2004

Admissions

- California

Areas of Practice

Business Litigation

Construction

Employment

Insurance

Real Estate