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APPELLATE LAWYERS

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Alana Rotter, a partner at GMSR, is a go-to lawyer for civil appeals and writ petitions in a wide range of substantive areas. Clients and trial lawyers seek her out for her clear writing, thorough research, and efficiency. Alana respects client relationships, and is adept at working hand-in-hand with trial lawyers.

Certified as an appellate specialist by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, Alana helps clients—including public entities, insurers, businesses, and individuals—defend their victories and reverse adverse rulings in the California appellate courts and the Ninth Circuit. She excels at developing new legal arguments, and at drafting incisive briefs and writ petitions that resonate with appellate judges. Clients also hire Alana to provide guidance at the trial court level, where she assists with dispositive motions and advises lawyers on preserving issues for appeal. Such early interventions by a leading appellate lawyer can be critical to a future appeal.

Alana has an insider perspective on the appellate system, having clerked for Judge Kermit Lipez of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She received her law degree from Yale Law School, where she was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

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## Education

J.D., Yale Law School (2004). Yale Law Journal (Editor), Yale Law and Policy Review (Notes Editor).

B.A., University of California at Berkeley (2000). Phi Beta Kappa.

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## Honors

Named in The Best Lawyers in America (Appellate Law) (2018, 2019)

Southern California Super Lawyer (Appellate) 2018

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Super Lawyers Up-and-Coming 100: 2016 Southern California Rising Stars

Super Lawyers Up-and-Coming 50: 2015 Women Southern California Rising Stars

Public Counsel Appellate Law Program pro bono award (2013)

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## **Bar Admissions**

California 2005

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals: First and Ninth Circuits

U.S. District Courts: Central District of California, District of Columbia

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## **Speaking and Involvement**

**The Appeal Killers –Avoiding The Traps That Can Doom Your Appeal Before It Begins, International Municipal Lawyers Association’s 83rd Annual Conference**

2018

**Persuasive Legal Writing, Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP**

2018

**Stop the Appeal: Strategies and Practices for Seeking and Opposing Dismissal of Appeals, Kendall Brill Kelly**

2016

**How to Use Amicus Support Effectively, Beverly Hills Bar Association**

2014

**What Trial Lawyers Need To Know About Appeals, Beverly Hills Bar Association**

2012

**What Trial Lawyers Need To Know About Appeals, Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California chapter**

2012

**Volunteer Instructor, Constitutional Rights Foundation (Appellate Court Experience)**

2011

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## **Professional Associations**

**Member, California Academy of Appellate Lawyers (2017-present)**

**LACBA State Appellate Judicial Evaluation Committee (2012-present)**

**Beverly Hills Bar Association: Amicus Committee Member and Former Co-Chair (2011-present)**

**Los Angeles County Bar Association: Appellate Courts Section Member and Amicus Committee (2008-present)**

**International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA)**

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## High Impact Wins

**Easley v. City of Riverside (9th Cir. 2018) 890 F.3d 851**

May 23, 2018

**Breeden v. Superior Court, 2014 Cal.App. Unpub. LEXIS 7216**

Oct 10, 2014

**Celador Internat., Inc. v. American Broadcasting Cos., Inc. (9th Cir. 2012) 499 Fed.Appx. 721**

Dec 03, 2012

**Jasmine Networks, Inc. v. Superior Court (2009) 180 Cal.App.4th 980**

Dec 29, 2009

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## Publications

**When is your notice of appeal due? Alana Rotter explains a new U.S. Supreme Court decision on extensions for filing appeals in federal court.**

Nov 13, 2017

**Anti-SLAPP motions in probate? Alana Rotter explains a new decision applying the anti-SLAPP statute to petitions to enforce a no-contest clause.**

Oct 26, 2017

**Alana Rotter and Cindy Tobisman warn what lawyers should avoid when voluntarily dismissing claims to hasten appellate review**

Jun 13, 2017

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**Alana Rotter offers tips on what defense lawyers need to know about anti-SLAPP appeals**

Jun 05, 2017

**Tips: Critical New Trial Motion Deadlines, Daily Journal (February 27, 2017)**

Feb 27, 2017

**Discovery Sanctions Appeals Can Be Tricky Business, Los Angeles Daily Journal (November 30, 2016)**

Nov 30, 2016

**No Reporter's Transcript? Here's What It Means For Your Appeal, Verdict Magazine (Vol. 2, 2016)**

Oct 06, 2016

**Timing Is Everything In Court, Los Angeles Daily Journal (January 13, 2016)**

Jan 13, 2016

**One Bite of the Apple, Los Angeles Daily Journal (July 27, 2015)**

Jul 27, 2015

**Lessons from appeals of nonappealable 'judgments', Los Angeles Daily Journal (March 25, 2015)**

Mar 25, 2015

**Which Orders Regarding Arbitration Are Appealable?, Los Angeles Daily Journal (January 5, 2015)**

Jan 05, 2015

**Maximize the Impact of Amicus Support, Los Angeles Daily Journal (September 11, 2014)**

Sep 11, 2014

**Ruling Provides Guidance on Notice of Appeal, Los Angeles Daily Journal (April 18, 2014)**

Apr 18, 2014

**Protecting Attorney Disqualification Orders from Reversal, Verdict Magazine (Volume 3, 2013)**

Dec 31, 2013

**Creating an Appealable Judgment, Los Angeles Daily Journal (December 12, 2013)**

Dec 12, 2013

**Appeals, Writs and Summary Judgment, Los Angeles Daily Journal (October 22, 2013)**

Oct 22, 2013

**How Appellate Courts Review Attorney Disqualifications, Los Angeles Daily Journal (July 9, 2013)**

Jul 09, 2013

**Case Highlights Importance of Timely Post-trial Motions, Los Angeles Daily Journal (June 11, 2013)**

Jun 11, 2013

**9th Circuit Judges Call for an End to Anti-SLAPP in Federal Court, Los Angeles Daily Journal (May 9, 2013)**

May 09, 2013

**Circuit Clarifies Anti-SLAPP Appeal Rules, Los Angeles Daily Journal (February 6, 2013)**

Feb 06, 2013

**2nd Guessing Good Faith Settlement Determinations, Law 360 (June 2012)**

Jun 21, 2012

**Getting Appellate Review of a Good Faith Settlement Determination, Verdict Magazine (Volume 3, 2012)**

Jan 01, 2012

**Power to disagree: The authority of lower courts in new trial motions, Los Angeles Daily Journal (September 13, 2011)**

Sep 03, 2011

**Appealability of Anti-SLAPP Orders in California and the 9th Circuit, Los Angeles Daily Journal (February 15, 2011)**

Feb 15, 2011

**Have You Filed Your Appeal on Time?, Los Angeles Daily Journal (January 9, 2011)**

Jan 09, 2011

**Circuit Split on Free Speech and Drug Prescription Data, Los Angeles Daily Journal (December 17, 2010)**

Dec 17, 2010

**Tipping the Scales, Los Angeles Daily Journal (July 28, 2009)**

Jul 28, 2009

**A Melting Pot of Rulings, Los Angeles Daily Journal (January 29, 2009)**

Jan 29, 2009

**Proceed with Caution: Pitfalls in Preparing Jury Instructions, "Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers" (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association), Vol. 1, No. 9 (September 2008)**

Sep 12, 2008

**What a Relief? Los Angeles Daily Journal (May 12, 2008)**

May 12, 2008

**Trial: Technology in the Courtroom, “Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers” (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association), Vol. 1, No. 5 (April 2008)**

Apr 01, 2008

**Playbook Disqualification, L.A. Daily Journal (Aug. 6, 2007).**

Aug 06, 2007

**Appellate Law: Getting to the Substance (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (November 9, 2006)**

Nov 09, 2006

**10th Circuit at Center of Splits on Anti-Discrimination Laws (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (September 8, 2006)**

Sep 08, 2006

**3rd Circuit Splits From Other Courts on Fair Opportunity Doctrine (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (July 24, 2006)**

Jul 24, 2006

**Circuit Splits Affect Conflicts of Authority (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (June 14, 2006)**

Jun 14, 2006

**Splits Involve Issues Affecting Business, Government, Workers (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (May 18, 2006)**

May 18, 2006

**When Private Enterprise Hits Public Agencies, Splits Arise (co-author), Los Angeles Daily Journal (April 13, 2006)**

Apr 13, 2006