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Focusing on civil litigation, Teresa regularly represents clients in securities, employment, and privacy and data security matters. She is also designated by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E).

Teresa represents various financial services companies and registered investment advisers in court and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) arbitration proceedings. She has experience defending violations of federal and state securities laws, claims of suitability, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, negligence and negligent supervision. Her experience includes assisting financial advisers with efforts to have information expunged from the advisers' professional record on the Central Registration Depository system.

Teresa also represents employers in arbitration and judicial proceedings regarding issues related to claims of discrimination, breach of contract, defamation, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, trade secret and non-solicitation. She also counsels clients regarding compliance with employment laws, rules and regulations at the local, state and federal levels.

In addition to her litigation practice, Teresa advises clients on compliance matters under both U.S. and international laws, including the California Consumer Privacy Act, as amended by the California Privacy Rights Act (CCPA), and the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). She has experience analyzing and responding to data breaches, as well as preparing and updating privacy disclosures.

Community Impact

Before becoming a lawyer, Teresa was a competitive figure skater and coach in New York.

Recognitions

- Southern California *Super Lawyers*: Rising Stars (2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* (Ones to Watch: Litigation – Labor and Employment; Securities) (2026)

Services

- Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
- Cybersecurity, Data Protection & Privacy
- Employment
- Consumer Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation
- Securities & Regulatory Enforcement
- Financial Services Litigation & Enforcement
- Financial Services
- Trial Practice

Education

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D.)
- Macaulay Honors College at the City College of New York (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

Admissions

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California