

## Biography

Teresa Huggins represents individual and corporate clients at all stages of complex commercial litigation in both state and federal trial and appellate courts, with an emphasis on intellectual property and fintech matters. She has significant experience litigating business disputes, and has represented executives, entrepreneurs, investors and companies. Prior to joining Waymaker, Teresa worked in Simpson Thacher's New York office, and she remains a member of the New York bar and handles cases there. She also spent several years in the media and entertainment industry, where she advised on a wide variety of legal issues.

Teresa received her law degree from Harvard Law School and her BA from Stanford. She clerked for the Honorable Dale S. Fischer in the Central District of California. She is admitted to practice in both New York and California.

## **Representative Civil Matters**

- Argued and won anti-SLAPP motion in which trial court held defamation allegations against client were protected under California's Anti-SLAPP statute, struck the complaint in its entirety and granted client fees and costs.
- Won motion to dismiss in Southern District of New York in which district court found allegations against cryptocurrency exchange were barred by the statute of limitations and declined to grant supplemental jurisdiction over remaining state law claims.
- Won reversal of prejudgment attachment in Southern District of New York and obtained fees for wrongful attachment.
- Obtained reversal of trial court's determination that client's arbitration agreement was unconscionable. California Court of Appeal found that the trial court's refusal to permit an evidentiary hearing prior to finding unconscionability was reversible error.



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- Won Ninth Circuit affirmance of court's determination that RICO statute's predicate act was not satisfied by extortion allegations that intangible property was taken, where such property was not actually transferred, exercised or sold.
- Argued and won demurrer with prejudice in California state court in which trial court found Home Solicitation Sales Act allegations were barred by the statute of limitations and fraud allegations failed to show the necessary scienter.
- Argued and won multiple motions to compel arbitration in trial state court.
- Argued and won demurrers in trial state court on breach
  of contract and fraud claims, and achieved early, favorable
  settlement for client.

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- California State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

## Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Central District of California
- Northern District of California
- Southern District of New York
- Eastern District of New York