

# Susan Vargas

Partner

*Trial and Global Disputes*

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Susan Vargas is a partner in King & Spalding’s Litigation practice. Having spent seven years of her career as an in-house lawyer, she brings a well-rounded perspective to all aspects of litigation. She appreciates the value of a “results oriented” approach and has a heightened sensitivity to clients’ needs. When not serving as in-house counsel, her career has been devoted to litigating and trying high-exposure cases. While experienced in representing corporate defendants in a wide variety of complex matters, she has focused her practice on product liability and toxic tort litigation.

Susan has tried numerous high-exposure product liability cases to verdict involving catastrophic injuries or wrongful death for various automotive and power sports manufacturers. In addition, Susan tried an import automotive manufacturer’s first asbestos case to a defense verdict.

Susan earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley and her Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law where she was a participant in the Hale Moot Court Honors Program, an editor of the Law and Women’s Studies Journal, and recipient of a merit scholarship for three years.

## Recognition

- Bestowed the YWCA Phenomenal Woman of the Year Award in 2004 by the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles for outstanding leadership in the work place and significant achievements in the community.
- Selected by *Super Lawyers* magazine as a Southern California Rising Star in 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- Nominated and elected as the Vice Chair for the American Bar Association’s Products General Liability and Consumer Law Committee for 2011-2012 and 2014-2015.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Southern California

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

### ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States  
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 Southern District of California  
California

#### ASSOCIATIONS

Defense Research Institute  
ABA  
International Association of Defense Counsel

#### LANGUAGES

Spanish

## Events

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*April 3, 2019*

Susan Vargas to Speak at American Bar Association's Conference on Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation

## News

#### CASES & DEALS

*February 19, 2019*

Johnson & Johnson Wins Full Dismissal on the Eve of Trial

#### IN THE NEWS

*April 23, 2019 • Source: Legal Newsline and Law360*

Alexander Calfo, Susan Vargas, Troy McMahan and Cori Steinmann represent Johnson & Johnson in trial regarding talc products

#### PRESS RELEASE

*December 6, 2018*

King & Spalding Elects 30 New Partners and Promotes 11 Counsel Across 10 Offices

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