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For over 19 years, Ms. Wolfe has successfully tried a variety of civil and employment cases before both juries and arbitrators. Ms. Wolfe also represents both public and private employers in complex litigation/class actions and unfair business practices. In addition, she provides preventive legal advice and counsel to employers and management on issues ranging from hiring, firing, policy making, wage and hour auditing and policy enforcement.

Among her many successes Ms. Wolfe represented Union Oil Company (Unocal) in the landmark age discrimination case of *Dan Esberg v. Union Oil Company of California* (2002) 28 Cal. 4th 262. This case involved interpretation of the California Government Code § 12941 in the application of education benefits to an employee. The matter went before the California Supreme Court and ultimately resulted in legislative changes to the statute.

Recently an invited speaker at the 2010 Association of Southern California Defense Counsel-Annual Seminar, Ms. Wolfe spoke on the topic of "Ethical and Cost/Benefit Considerations in Responsive Pleadings and Initial Discovery."

Ms. Wolfe received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ancient Greek/Classics from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law and received the American Jurisprudence Award and served as an extern for the Honorable Arthur Greenwald, United States Bankruptcy, Central District.

Focus

- Labor and Employment
- Trial Practice

Honors & Awards

- American Juris Prudence Award

Community Involvement & Pro Bono

- Dignity Group
- Pomona Valley Workshop
- Camp Fire USA - San Antonio Council
- LA5 Rotary

Education

- Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, California JD, 1991
- University of California at Santa Barbara, California, BA, 1987

Admissions

- The State Bar of California
- Riverside County Bar Association
- Western San Bernardino County Bar Association