



**RUSING LOPEZ  
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## Patricia V. Waterkotte

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### Patricia Waterkotte has 20 years of experience litigating in Arizona and California.

Patricia practiced for many years with an international law firm in Los Angeles representing clients all over California and Arizona. She then joined Rusing Lopez & Lizardi as a Partner continuing her multi-state practice.

#### Professional Affiliations and Bar Activities

- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of California
- Pima County Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Notre Dame Alumni Association of Los Angeles
- Notre Dame Women Connect
- Morris K. Udall Inn of Court

#### Publications & Speeches

- Speaker, "CLE: No Room For Trial & Error", American Honda Motors Co., Inc. (2021)
- Co-author, DRI For the Defense, Trial Tactics: "Don't Blame the System: The Myth of One Truth", 54 No 9 DRI For Def 56 (2012)  
<http://www.arc4adr.com/articles-kanazawa-myth-of-one-truth.pdf>

#### EDUCATION

**University of Notre Dame Law School, JD, 2005**

**University of Arizona, BS, Management Information Systems, magna cum laude, 2002**

#### ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
- 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
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of California

#### PRACTICES

- Defense of Claims,
- Administrative Proceedings & Lawsuits
- Business Litigation
- Product Liability Defense
- Toxic Torts
- Internal Investigations
- Counseling, Compliance & Training
- Restrictive Covenants, Confidentiality/Trade Secret & Intellectual Property Rights
- Employee Handbooks, Contracts & Termination/Severance Agreements

- Speaker, “Enforcing Judgments Workshop”, McGuireWoods LLP, Los Angeles (2009)
- Speaker, “Impact of Electronic Discovery and Internet Use in the Workplace”, Klinedinst PC Employment Law Symposium, San Diego (2007)
- Professional Malpractice
- Insurance Claims & Insurance Coverage Litigation

## **Honors & Awards**

- Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2012 - 2013, 2015 - 2020
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, and Litigation - Insurance, 2023 - 2024
- Tucson’s 40-under-40 Award, Recipient, 2015
- Named a “future star” by Benchmark Litigation’s annual guide of the top firms and attorneys in the United States, 2015

## **Civic Activities**

- Junior Achievement of Arizona Southern District Board of Directors Board Member, 2014 - present  
     Past Board Chair, 2020 - 2022  
     Past Vice Chair and Board Development Chair, 2016 - 2020
- Junior Achievement of Arizona State Board Member, 2016 - present  
     Past Chair of the Audit Committee, 2017 - 2019
- Board Member 2016 - present
- Angel Charity for Children, Inc., 2016 - present
- Pima County Teen Court