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Kathleen Cerniglia Hipps is partner in the Litigation practice group at Greenspoon Marder LLP. Ms. Hipps handles matters involving commercial and business litigation, intellectual property, entertainment, construction, securities, insurance dedicated funds, labor and employment, and general corporate work.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Bar Admissions

- California

Education

- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 2008
- B.A., Emory University, 2003

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Entertainment, Media & Technology Industry Group

Representative Experience

- Served as lead trial counsel in *Dumag v. Allen*, a multimillion dollar fraud and breach of contract case tried in California Superior Court. Ms. Hipps successfully defeated all claims and won all costs and attorney fees for her client
- Represents directors and officers in shareholder derivative actions and general business disputes
- Provides advice to hedge fund and fund of fund managers in establishing and operating insurance dedicated funds (“IDFs”) and private placement life insurance (“PPLI”)

- Represents homeowners, builders and contractors in a wide range of construction disputes, including breach of contract and construction defect
- Defends producers and photographers in labor disputes brought by models and talent, and in guild disputes
- Negotiates contracts for entertainment clients. Ms. Hips uses her experience as an insider in the entertainment industry, gleaned from working on multiple shows at CNN prior to attending law school.
- Represent producers and financiers in film, television, and new media.
- Negotiate talent contracts and employment/severance contracts.
- Multiple California Labor Code 203 litigations involving models, producers, photographers, and fashion houses.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Female Executives in Media & Entertainment (“FEME”), Board Member

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Entrepreneur Panel," Emory Alumni Association Entrepreneur Networking Event, September 26, 2018

Recognitions

- *Super Lawyers* magazine, “Southern California Rising Star,” 2017-2020
- *Los Angeles Magazine*, "Top Women Attorneys in Southern California," 2018

In the News

- Mentioned, "Calif. Developer, Akin Gump Filed 'Baseless' Suit, Rival Says," *Law360*, October 22, 2019
- Quoted, "After Time's Up and #MeToo, Women in Entertainment Still See Gender Issues That Men Don't," *CNBC*, October 29, 2018

News

- Two Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized Among "2020 Southern California Rising Stars" By Super Lawyers
- Three Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers in Southern California for 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Promotes Dana Somerstein and Kathleen Hips to Partners
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Kathleen Cerniglia Hips Recognized By Super Lawyers as a 2018 Southern California "Rising Star"
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Kathleen Cerniglia Hips Recognized By Super Lawyers as a 2018 Southern California "Rising Star"
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Kathleen Hips Recognized Among the Top Women Attorneys in Southern California by Los Angeles Magazine
- Greenspoon Marder Continues Expansion on the West Coast with the Opening of Los Angeles Office



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