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After graduating from UC Law San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings College of the Law) in 2013, Becca Furman began her legal career at a large firm in its commercial litigation group before joining Lewis & Llewellyn in 2015.

From the outset, Furman said she was drawn to litigation, driven by her passion for parsing complex facts,

distilling them into digestible pieces and finding solutions to problems. This passion has led her to specialize in litigating civil cases, often involving trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract and fraud.

“The wonderful thing about working at a boutique firm, especially one I joined soon after it was founded, is that my colleagues are both friends and mentors,” Furman said.

She continued: “I also spend a significant amount of time litigating plaintiff-side sexual abuse cases. I represent mostly women and children who have been sexually abused. This work is extremely rewarding, in that the outcome of each case has a meaningful impact on clients’ lives and allows them to achieve some amount of justice.”

Furman’s practice is centered on technical trade secret cases and complex commercial litigation matters. Her cases typically involve complicated technology and highly collaborative teams.

Over the past two years, Furman has dedicated significant effort to litigating a major confidential trade secrets case for a large technology client.

With hundreds of millions at stake, the case was headed for trial this past summer. However, weeks before the trial, Furman successfully argued the summary judgment motion, securing a win for her client.

“I was most proud of how each team members’ contributions were evident in the result,” she said. “We had a clear strategy from the beginning of the case and worked collaboratively to achieve a victory. It was an example of how each person was completely dedicated to not only the case, but the team.”

She achieved a similar victory in a fraud case, where despite the challenges posed by COVID-related travel restrictions, she and local counsel worked seamlessly together, demonstrating their unity and achieving success for their client.

“Even with the best planning, every case has surprises,” Furman said. “How you handle those affects the outcome. No matter what happens, there is usually some upside. Finding that upside unlocks potential strategy decisions that you otherwise wouldn’t have seen.”

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