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PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust and Unfair Competition
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Financial Services Class Action Litigation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: California
- U.S. District Court: Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- University of Washington School of Law, J.D., 2009; Editor-in-Chief, *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*
- Middlebury College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2003

Heather's practice is devoted to complex civil litigation, with a focus on antitrust and unfair competition, financial services, and class actions. In the antitrust area, she has represented consumers and businesses in actions involving price fixing, price discrimination, and product tying. Through this, Heather has gained experience in all phases of pre-trial litigation including: pre-complaint investigation, pleading, factual discovery (including electronic discovery), motion practice, trial preparation, and settlement. Heather has also successfully briefed and argued complex issues at the appellate level. She brings a steadfast commitment to achieving the best result for each client, and attention to the details vital to successful resolutions of high-stakes matters.

Heather is active in bar association leadership at both the national and local level, including with the ABA Antitrust Section.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California) — lead counsel team in multidistrict litigation on behalf of nationwide class of indirect purchasers involving claims of price fixing in the TFT-LCD panel market, resulting in a record-breaking \$1.1 billion in all-cash settlements with ten defendants

Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California) — liaison counsel team in multidistrict litigation on behalf of nationwide class of direct purchasers involving claims of price fixing in the lithium ion battery market

Credit/Debit Card Tying Cases (California Superior Court, San Francisco) — lead counsel team in coordinated class action lawsuit on behalf of California consumers involving antitrust and unfair competition claims arising from the defendants' rules regarding acceptance of their credit and debit cards

Transpacific Air Passenger Antitrust Litigation (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California) — litigation team in multidistrict litigation on behalf of a nationwide putative class involving claims of price fixing in the transpacific air passenger market

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Vice Chair, American Bar Association, Antitrust Section, Competition Torts Committee (2019–present)

Executive Committee, Bar Association of San Francisco, Antitrust and Business Regulation Section (2017–present)

Steering Committee, Bar Association of San Francisco, Wellness 2020 Initiative (2019–present)

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Heather represents a class of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in a disability discrimination action challenging inconsistent, unreliable, and increasingly scrutinized access to sign language interpreting services, co-counseling with the civil rights association the National Association of the Deaf.

Heather has also served as a mentor with an organization serving immigrant, refugee, and asylee lawyers and other professionals seeking employment in the Bay Area. She has also represented plaintiffs in pro bono litigation to secure rights for low-wage workers' and for disabled youth.

NOTEWORTHY

Named a Northern California Super Lawyer in 2020, and a Rising Star in 2017, 2018 and 2019, as a top-rated antitrust litigation attorney by Super Lawyers, a list issued by Thomson Reuters.

Received Honorable Mention in 2013 from the American Antitrust Institute (AAI) for “outstanding antitrust litigation achievement in private law practice” along with the other members of the Zelle litigation team for work in *In re TFT-LCD Antitrust Litigation* at AAI’s first annual Antitrust Enforcement Awards.

Heather T. Rankie Rated by Super Lawyers

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