

Eileen Ridley Bio

Eileen R. Ridley is a partner and litigation lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. She has tried over 40 cases (both bench and jury matters) and arbitrated in excess of 200 cases. Her experience includes handling complex commercial matters for a variety of industries, including the high-tech, oil and gas, telecommunications, construction, insurance and health care industries. Eileen is the firm's Chief Diversity & Inclusion Partner, a role in which she is a catalyst for and leader in carrying out the firm's commitment to diversity.

Eileen is formerly a member of the firm's national Management Committee and is vice chair of the Litigation Department. She is co-chair of the Privacy, Security & Information Management Practice and is former managing partner of the firm's San Francisco office.

Eileen's work has involved anti-trust and class actions (including multi-district and joint jurisdiction actions), unfair competition, trade secret and copyright matters, product liability claims, environmental claims (including CERCLA and CEQA), insurance coverage litigation, ERISA litigation, commercial disputes, and employment issues. She also has a vast knowledge base in insurance coverage and litigation issues regarding a wide variety of insurance programs. Through her appellate practice, she has briefed and/or appeared before California's State Appellate Courts, the California Supreme Court, the 9th Circuit, and the 7th Circuit.

She is a graduate of Santa Clara University Law School and is a former Emery Law Scholar. Eileen earned her B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame. She holds the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and the Certified Information Privacy Professionals/European (CIPP/E) credentials, a global gold standard and key industry benchmark accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

Eileen has been Peer Review Rated as AV® Preeminent™, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell's peer review rating system and in 2005 was named as one of the "Bay Area's Best Lawyers in Appellate Practice" by *Bay Area Lawyer Magazine*. She was also selected for inclusion in the *Northern California Super Lawyers*® lists in 2008-2016. In 2012 and 2016, she was recognized by the *Legal 500* for her work in insurance: advice to insurers.