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Overview

Gracie focuses her practice on complex litigation, representing companies in consumer class actions, regulatory investigations and privacy disputes across a variety of sectors. She also advises clients on day-to-day business and compliance matters.

As a summer associate at Benesch, Gracie worked on matters involving consumer protection, advertising claims, and privacy and data security issues, including those affecting retail and e-commerce clients. She worked closely with partners and outside counsel to support clients with promotions, product labeling and advertising practices.

During law school, Gracie served as an extern with Stitch Fix, an online personal styling service, where she gained firsthand insight into how in-house teams balance legal risk with business goals. This experience reinforced the value of practical, solution-oriented guidance and informed her approach to helping clients navigate strategy both inside and outside the courtroom.

Collaborative and strategic, Gracie is committed to understanding her clients' objectives and helping them anticipate risk, adapt to evolving regulatory requirements and implement strong compliance frameworks.

Representative Matters

- Represented an individual guarantor in a $2.5 million property damage action brought by a commercial landlord following the tenant's Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The landlord sought to enforce a guaranty against our client for damage allegedly caused by a subtenant added without our client's knowledge or consent. Secured a first-impression California ruling holding that the unauthorized introduction of a subtenant could exonerate a guarantor, resulting in dismissal with prejudice and recovery of a portion of our client's attorney's fees.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of California Law, San Francisco, 2025, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Executive Symposium Editor, UC Law Business Journal
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- California Polytech State University, San Luis Obispo, 2022, B.A., *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

News & Insights

- No More Early Gatekeeping: Ninth Circuit Clarifies Timing for Trade Secret Identification Under DTSA
  March 31, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights