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Overview

Sydney's practice focuses on intellectual property, technology transactions, data security and privacy. She regularly represents clients in sophisticated IP and technology transactions, including SaaS, cloud, software development, licenses, technology services, professional services and manufacturing.

Sydney is a former civil defense litigator. She represented and counseled clients in contract, business and commercial disputes. As a litigator, she honed a well-developed sense of risk management and strategic decision-making as well as an understanding of how terms in commercial agreements are often disputed in litigation. This skill-set enables her to draft agreements that are more comprehensive and more effective for clients.

Sydney also regularly counsels clients on a wide range of business issues. She invests in learning the businesses of each of her clients in order to ensure that her legal advice is closely tied to her clients' values, business objectives and risk tolerances.

Sydney is a member of the firm's Associate Development Committee and serves as the co-chair of the Engagement Subcommittee.

Representative Matters

- Advised Alia Software Inc., an AI-powered pop-up and email/SMS list-growth platform for e-commerce merchants, such as Shopify, in its acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc (AIM: DOTD), a global provider of AI-driven customer experience and data platforms.

- Represented Rover Group, Inc., the world's largest online marketplace for pet care, in its acquisition of Meowtel Inc., the leading cat-sitting marketplace.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School, 2016, J.D.
- University of Southern California, 2013, B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Law

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

Memberships

- Board Member, San Francisco Sheriff's Department Oversight Board
- Board Member, Alumni Board, St. Ignatius College Preparatory
- Secretary and Social Media Chair, Black Women Lawyers Association of Northern California

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2026
- Outstanding Diversity Advocate Award, The Bar Association of San Francisco, 2023
- Outstanding Member Award, Black Women Lawyers of Northern California, 2022
- Unity Award, Minority Bar Coalition, 2021

News & Insights

- [AI Reporter - June 2026](#)
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- [AI Reporter - May 2026](#)
May 21, 2026 | Newsletters
- [AI Reporter - April 2026](#)
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- [AI Reporter - March 2026](#)
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- [Benesch Represents Alia Software Inc. in Acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc](#)
March 17, 2026 | Press Releases
- [AI Reporter - February 2026](#)
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- [Benesch Advises Rover Group, Inc. on Acquisition of Meowtel, Inc.](#)
February 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- [AI Reporter - January 2026](#)
January 14, 2026 | Newsletters
- [AI Reporter - December 2025](#)
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- [AI Reporter - November 2025](#)
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