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Valeria Golodnitska focuses her practice on defending clients in mass tort, product liability, and commercial litigation.

Valeria defends a diverse group of manufacturers, suppliers, and premises owners in product liability, negligence, premises, and commercial litigation. She has experience defending all types of personal injury and wrongful death claims, as well as indemnity, third-party, and cross claims in both state and federal courts. Valeria also has significant experience in representing clients in commercial litigation and contractual disputes and served as co-lead trial counsel in a recent jury trial in Los Angeles. A true California practitioner, Valeria is well known for her deep knowledge of the nuances of the California Code, both procedure and evidence.

Valeria has extensive experience in all stages of civil litigation, including trial and post-trial, as well as pre-suit investigations. She has spearheaded significant dispositive and pre-trial briefing, offensive and defensive written discovery, and fact and expert witness direct and cross examinations. She is also known for her persuasive oral advocacy in hearings, settlement conferences, mediations, and deposition practice.

Before joining Tucker Ellis, Valeria practiced at a law firm where she focused on personal injury, insurance, and lemon law defense, as well as subrogation litigation.

Valeria moved to the United States from Ukraine when she was 12 years old and speaks Russian fluently. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and exploring new restaurants and museums.

Education

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D., 2012)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., 2008)

State Admissions

- California, 2013

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California

Languages

- Russian (fluent)

Service Areas

- [Mass Tort & Product Liability](#)

Experience

- Served as co-lead trial counsel in an accounting case in Los Angeles, California (jury trial 2023)
- As second-chair trial counsel, tried and won a negligence personal injury case involving more than \$2.5 million in claimed damages in Riverside, California (2021)
- Briefed, argued, and won a motion for protective order on attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine in Alameda, California (2020)
- Obtained defense arbitration verdict as a second chair in a contractual dispute case in Los Angeles, California (Prepared all relevant briefing, including arbitration brief) (2019)

In the Community

- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- Defense Research Institute
 - » Product Liability Committee Member
 - » Women in the Law Committee Member
 - » Young Lawyers Committee Member