

Lesley Weaver Recognized as a 2018 California Lawyer of the Year

BFA Partner Lesley Weaver has been presented a 2018 California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award by the Daily Journal and California Lawyer for "extraordinary achievement in 2017 in Consumer Protection." This annual award recognizes lawyers in the state who have made a "significant impact on public policy, the law, the profession, or a particular practice area."

Lesley was recognized for her work on the Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Emissions Fraud MDL, in which she spearheaded the investigation that ultimately uncovered German auto supplier Robert Bosch GmbH's significant role in multiple schemes to place software in vehicles purposefully designed to evade emissions laws. Plaintiffs in the Volkswagen litigation have recovered \$14.7 billion for class members and nearly \$5 billion for the environment, the largest automotive class action recovery ever.

Following the groundbreaking Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Emissions Fraud MDL settlements, Lesley has continued her work through her appointment to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*, pursuing claims against Chrysler and Bosch stemming from the illegal and deliberate use of devices to circumvent pollution testing, and her appointment to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re: German Automotive Manufacturers Antitrust Litigation*, alleging that German automakers engaged in a 20-year cartel to suppress the development of technology in their automobiles.