



## Susan Bower

### Of Counsel

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#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Business Litigation

Securities Litigation

Intellectual Property

Employment Law

#### **EDUCATION**

Stanford Law School (J.D., 1994);

Cornell University (B.A., 1988)

#### **BAR ADMISSION**

1994, California

#### **RECOGNITION**

Best Lawyers® Commercial Litigation, 2023

#### **SUMMARY**

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Business litigator Susan Bower uses her depth of experience in commercial litigation to create advantages for clients. Working from the onset of litigation, Susan frequently is able to identify related claims and create strategic defenses, often overlooked by others, that further her clients' rights.

Susan represents individuals and technology and other Silicon Valley companies and firms of all sizes, from startups to Fortune 500 companies, in business litigation in state and federal courts. Susan represents individuals and companies in a wide range of commercial disputes including:

- Whistleblower claims
- Employment Litigation
- Breach of fiduciary duties cases
- Breach of contract cases
- General commercial cases
- Securities litigation
- Partnership dispute litigation
- Founders disputes
- Audit committee investigations
- Litigation involving trusts and/or trustees

## **Litigation Strategist and Trial Preparation**

Skilled at all stages of litigation, Susan is valued by trial teams for her strength in legal research, witness examinations, depositions, mediations, appeals, research, and motion writing.

Susan has leveraged her skills in the course of breach of contract lawsuits, commercial litigation, securities litigation, partnership disputes, breach of fiduciary litigation, founders' disputes, whistleblower actions, employment litigation, and other matters with high-value claims and sophisticated financial assets. Susan also has experience with audit committee and special committee investigations. She is known as a fair and effective advocate who uses collegial relationships across the profession to achieve positive outcomes in contentious disputes.

Throughout her career, Susan has represented companies and firms in a wide variety of cases in Silicon Valley. Susan has represented small startups as well as large, multinational technology and financial companies and venture capital firms. Susan has also represented individuals, such as employees, founders, or partners in disputes and litigation involving whistleblower claims, employment issues, dissolution of partnership issues, and stockholder disputes.

A graduate of Stanford Law School, Susan was an extern law clerk to the Hon. Ronald M. Whyte of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. She also previously served as Special Counsel for Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, California. Raised in Silicon Valley, Susan makes the most of her lifelong connections in the area and its growth into a global economic

power.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- ***Gilmore v. Turvo, Inc.***  
Represented a software company founder/CEO in an action to overturn wrongful removal.
- ***Chen v. Innogrit, et. al.***  
Represented Innogrit in a breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, wrongful termination in violation of public policy action.
- ***In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation***  
Represented officers and directors of an enterprise cloud platform company in a securities class action and other proceedings.
- ***Miller v. Oster***  
Represented technology company co-founders in an action brought by a shareholder alleging breaches of fiduciary duty in connection with company financings.
- ***Atinar Capital II, LLC, et al. v. Aida Alvarez***  
Represented two venture funds in a case alleging breach of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty arising out of a company's financing rounds.