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## Education

Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 2006)

University of California, Davis (B.A., 2001)

## Admissions

California

New York

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Selena Galaviz concentrates her practice on all aspects of complex civil litigation, including environmental litigation, complex business disputes, and class actions. Ms. Galaviz's current clients include the Navajo Nation, an aerospace manufacturer in a dispute involving unfair competition and misappropriation of trade secrets claims, and a pharmaceutical company in a putative class action suit alleging false advertising claims.

Ms. Galaviz has also worked as a pro bono lawyer for the Volunteer Legal Services Program, advising clients on consumer debt and eviction defense matters.

Before joining Hueston Hennigan, Ms. Galaviz worked in the offices of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, where she focused on complex commercial litigation matters involving structured finance, securities, and intellectual property disputes. She also gained experience in two high-profile trials in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York regarding dealings in mortgage-backed securities stemming from the 2008 financial crisis.

## Experience

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Representing **Southern California Edison** and **Edison International** in litigation arising out of the 2017 Thomas Fire, the 2018 Montecito mudslides, and the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

Representing the **Navajo Nation** in an action against the USEPA and private parties for damages in connection with the Gold King Mine disaster.

Represented a **leading global professional services company** in an \$830 million actuarial malpractice lawsuit brought by the city of Houston in connection with the city's \$6.2 billion pension crisis.

Successfully resolved a complex fraud case, with total recovery of more than \$65 million, for **Qualcomm** against a former senior engineer arising from his sophisticated scheme to sell technology he had secretly developed while working for the company.

Represented **Sorrento Therapeutics** in multiple litigations alleging a high profile business partner's scheme to "catch and kill" Sorrento's promising cancer drug, Cynviloq, as well as a related arbitration involving breach of contract and tort claims relating to the parties' exclusive license agreements for monoclonal antibodies.

Representing the **Navajo Nation** in a litigation against Wells Fargo alleging the bank deliberately targeted members of the tribe with predatory and fraudulent practices.

Representing **Altamar Brands LLC**, a brand manager and distributor of alcoholic spirits, in a contract dispute against a UK entity, Numero Ocho. Ltd.