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M.C. Sungaila, a partner in Haynes & Boone's Orange County office and anchor of the firm's California appellate practice, has briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge and core business issues, and helped secure important rights for women and girls nationally and internationally.

M.C. has repeatedly been named a “Notable Appellate Practitioner” by *Chambers USA*, Chambers & Partners (2013-2018). Clients describe her in one *Chambers* listing as a “gifted appellate lawyer who consistently delivers bottom line results” and praise her for her “great practical sense,” “laser” focus on key issues, “excellence in creative thinking,” and ability to “advise on the business side just as well as she does on the legal side.” She has been repeatedly recognized by the *Daily Journal*, Daily Journal Corporation as one of California’s 100 Leading Women Lawyers (2005, 2010-2018), and in 2015 as one of the state’s Top Labor & Employment Lawyers. She was a recipient of two back-to-back California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) awards, including one in 2015 from *California Lawyer* magazine, Daily Journal Corporation, for the precedent-setting franchisor vicarious liability case she argued before the California Supreme Court, *Patterson v. Domino’s Pizza*.

M.C. has chaired the International Association of Defense Counsel’s Appellate Practice Committee and Amicus Briefs Committee and served on various CLE committees, as an instructor at the IADC Trial Academy, editor of the Defense Counsel Journal, and on the Foundation Board, and is the first recipient of the organization’s Richard L. Neumeier Excellence in Service Award. She has also served on the ABA Standing Committee on the American Judicial System, the Standing Committee on Amicus Briefs, the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity, the Practitioner’s Reading Committee for the Justice Kavanaugh nomination, and in various leadership roles within the Litigation Section. Locally, she currently serves as a Director at Large on the Orange County Bar Association Board of Directors.

M.C. has also been honored for her sustained commitment to community service and pro bono work, receiving recognition from groups as diverse as California Women Lawyers, Alpha Phi International Fraternity, the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, Orange County Women Lawyers, the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and Coastline Community College Foundation. In 2017, she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, whose recipients include seven U.S. Presidents, Nobel Prize winners, athletes, leaders of industry, artists and others whose work has made a lasting impact on humanity, for her combined professional achievements and humanitarian and pro bono work.