



# WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

## January/February 2018 Newsletter

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## President's Corner

By: Kelly Pope



Welcome to 2018 with Women Lawyers of Sacramento! I am honored to serve as President of WLS this year with a dedicated board of women that are already hard at work promoting WLS' mission statement and principles. Please take a moment to meet our board members, highlighted in this month's newsletter.

Founded in 1962, WLS reaches beyond the practice of law by promoting the interests of women in the community. I encourage you all to go to the WLS website and read (or re-read) our mission and principles. You will see that WLS' mission includes (among other things) improving the status of women in our society and advocating for equal rights, reproductive choice, equal opportunity and pay for women.

Although 2018 marks the 56th year for WLS, WLS' mission has never been more important. Fortunately, we are joined in this work by like-minded organizations all over the state and country. As we all know, when a determined group of women work together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. For that reason, I was so excited to kick off 2018 with a WLS table at Southside Park, where the

2018 Sacramento Women's March kicked off.



The theme of this year's march in Sacramento was engaging youth, uplifting women leaders, advocating for gender equity and standing together against voter suppression and for fair protection of all human rights. It was a great experience representing WLS at an event that aligned so well with the WLS mission. I'd like to give a special thank you to WLS board members Kelly Babineau, Kim Bucholz, Ariana Van Alstine, and Jackie Sueyres for their hard work in planning and helping to set up at the event.

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### SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday,  
February 22, 2018

WLS February  
Luncheon

at

Lucca Restaurant

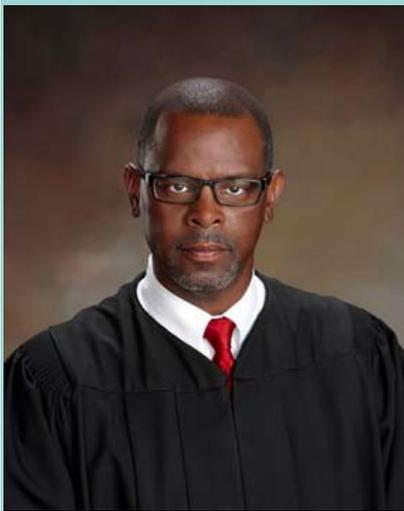
1615 J Street, Sacramento





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## February Luncheon Judge Troy L. Nunley



Please join Women Lawyer's of Sacramento and the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association for a luncheon with Judge Troy L. Nunley. Judge Troy L. Nunley has served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District since 2013. He was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2012. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2013. Judge Nunley received his B.A. from St. Mary's College of California and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings School of Law. He worked as a Deputy District Attorney in both Alameda and Sacramento Counties. He also worked as a Deputy Attorney General in the Sacramento office. From 2002 – 2013, he served as a Judge for the Superior Court of California in Sacramento. Judge Nunley has also taught Corporations and Business Partnerships at Lincoln Law School since 2006.

**WHEN:** February 22, 2018

**WHERE:** Lucca Restaurant and Bar, 1615 J Street, Sacramento, CA

**TIME:** 12:00-1:15 p.m.

**MENU:** Patchwork Salad with Chicken, Penne with Vegetables, Burger, or Chicken Sandwich. **Each menu item comes with choice of soda or iced tea.**

**COST:** \$30.00 for current WLS members, past presidents of WLS, and judges; \$35.00 for all others, except law students, whose cost is \$25.00. Without advance reservation, it may not be possible to get the entrée of your choice.

**RSVP with menu choice online at [www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org](http://www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org)** (please use the Note function to identify name of attendee and menu choice) **or with confirmation of mailed check to Sara Abrate at [sara.abrate@yolocounty.org](mailto:sara.abrate@yolocounty.org).** Please include lunch choice in email. Mail your check, payable to WLS, **for receipt by January 19, 2018** to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Please indicate if you are a current WLS member, past president, or judge on the check.** WLS is charged for cancellations. Payments must be received in advance and are not refundable. Seating at the door is subject to availability.

**This Program qualifies for MCLE credits.**

## January 2018 WLS Luncheon Highlights

### Making and Keeping New Year's Resolutions for Your Law Practice

WLS is grateful to have had Cami McLaren, owner of McLaren Coaching, as our speaker for our January luncheon. Cami spoke on the topic of making and keeping New Year's resolutions for a law practice. The presentation provided attendees with the opportunity to reflect on the outcomes that they are committed to for 2018, and tools to help them be successful.



Cami recommended that lawyers start with their “why.” Why do you want the outcome? What will it get you? This can keep you committed after motivation runs out. After giving attendees the opportunity to write down their “why,” she walked attendees through the process of create a Well-Formed Outcome - a process for creating a very specific outcome. She suggested that the more “formed” the outcome, the more likely you are to achieve it.

For example, if you want to lose weight this year, then be specific about how much, and how you will look and feel. After everyone had a very specific outcome in mind, Cami had attendees set milestones.

Using the weight loss example, if you want to lose 10 pounds this year, then how much will you need to have lost by October 1, July 1, April 1, March 1 and February 1 to be on track to achieve your outcome? Chunking it down this way can make the outcome less overwhelming and also reduce the chances of procrastination. A year seems like a long time, but if you will “get to it later” and later turns into trying to lose 10 pounds in the months of November and December, you are much less likely to achieve your outcome.

A few other takeaways from Cami's presentation: (1) it helps to declare your outcome out loud to other people (the more the better) to keep you accountable; (2) “how” you are going to accomplish something is not nearly as important as “why” you want it; and (3) make weekly declarations to keep you on track.

For more information about Cami McLaren, or for information on coaching for attorneys, please visit her website at: <http://www.mclarencoaching.com/>



## President's Corner Continued ...

By: Kelly Pope

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to renew your WLS membership. Your participation is vital to WLS's ability to promote its mission through mentoring, legislative and administrative advocacy, community service, networking, educational seminars, and open forums of discussion, as well as providing grants and awards to deserving individuals and charitable organizations. We are thankful for your support. If you renewed on October 1, 2017, or later, your membership will be active through 2018.



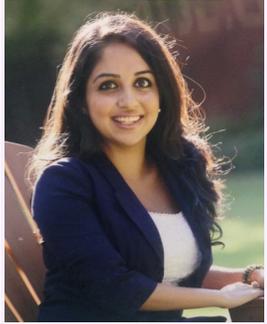
I look forward to a productive year with WLS, and I welcome your calls (916-520-5362) or emails (kpope@downeybrand.com) this year as we work to promote WLS' mission and further its principles.



## Meet The 2018 WLS Board



**Sarah Abrate** is the co-chair of the Programs committee. She has been a Deputy District Attorney for over 11 years, the last 10 in Yolo County. Sara received her B.S. in Management from Purdue University and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law. In her free time, she enjoys yoga, spending time with her husband and children, drinking wine, and cooking.



**Aparna Agnihotri** is co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Irvine with a double major in International Studies and Political Science. She graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and practices Family Law and Civil Litigation in Sacramento. Aparna spends most of her evenings, as a private bar prep tutor and tutors local law students. Aparna spends a great deal of her time volunteering as an Attorney for the Sacramento Justice League, a legal nonprofit that serves the Sacramento community. She is heavily involved in the South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento and is the current Vice President. In her spare time, Aparna donates much of her time to nonprofit organizations in the Sacramento community, such as: Women's Empowerment, Family Promise, the Sacramento Food Bank, Land Park Volunteer Corps, and My Sister's House.



**Kelly Babineau** is Treasurer of the 2018 Board. She has been practicing criminal defense since 1997. After practicing law as a public defender for over 10 years, she opened her own firm in 2009. She represents clients in state and federal court. When not in trial, she enjoys cycling, hiking and yoga, but her passion is for wine and has started a French wine import company that will be selling beautiful Bordeaux wine from small family wineries on line in early 2017.



**Julia Blair** is vice-chair of the Newsletter committee. She is a Senior Commission Counsel at the State of California Commission on State Mandates. Her areas of practice include state mandates, administrative, and State government law. This is the 5th year that Julia has served on the WLS Board of Directors. Julia also serves as a WLS delegate for the Conference of Delegates. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband and six children.



**Kristin Blocher** is co-chair of the Judicial and Other Appointments Committee. Kristin is Of Counsel for Angelo Kilday & Kilduff, representing public entities in civil litigation. In her solo practice, she focuses on intellectual property and estate planning. She received her bachelor's degree from Westmont College and her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. Out of the office, she spends time with her dog, serves on the Board for an affiliate of the Sacramento County Animal Shelter, runs, practices Pilates, snowboards, cooks, and indulges her passion for wine.



**Melissa Borrelli** is Vice Chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She is happy to continue to be involved with the WLS Board for a tenth year. She is a graduate of UC Davis for both her B.S. and J.D. She also earned an LL.M. in Health Law from Loyola University, Chicago School of Law. She works as Senior Attorney/Director of Compliance at Western Health Advantage, a local health plan. She also serves on the Board of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys. She enjoys time with her husband and two children.

## Meet the 2018 WLS Board Continued



**Kimberly Buchholz** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She grew up in Folsom and received her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara. Kim graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2007. She practices estate planning as principal of the Law office of Kimberly Buchholz. Additionally, Kim presides over administrative law hearings and mental health proceedings as a hearing officer for the Institute for Administrative Justice at the McGeorge School of Law. Kim lives in Land Park with her husband, daughter, son, and dog.



**Allison Callaghan Walsh**, co-chair of the Grants & Awards Committee, is an associate at Nossaman LLP. Allison's practice focuses on employment law, including class action and single-plaintiff litigation and administrative agency proceedings. She also advises both public and private employers. Allison is a graduate of U.C. Davis School of Law and Claremont McKenna College. She is a native of the Greater Sacramento area and now lives in Davis. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, outdoor adventuring, good food and wine, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.



**Carmen-Nicole Cox** is vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee. Carmen is Chief of Legislative Affairs for Administration at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She has a passion for prison reform, mentoring youth, and supporting efforts to increase diversity in law schools and the legal profession. She has proudly supported WLS as a member of the Board since 2013.



**Kresta Daly**, vice-chair of the Programs Committee, is a partner at Barth Daly, LLP. For nearly 15 years, Kresta has defended individuals, corporations, corporate executives, public officials and others in a wide range of federal and state criminal investigations and prosecutions. She lives on a small farm outside of Winters with her husband and their son. She serves on the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Advisory Task Force as well as the California State Bar Commission on Access to Justice.



**Monica Espejo** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. Monica is an associate with Wolfe & Wyman, LLP, where she focuses on general civil litigation and construction defect matters. Originally from the Bay Area, Monica moved to Sacramento to attend McGeorge School of Law where she received her law degree in 2007. In her spare time, Monica enjoys spending time with her husband and two children outdoors, drinking coffee, and exploring new restaurants in midtown Sacramento.



**Aminah Famili** is co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Aminah is Counsel at Hartman King PC, where her practice focuses on environmental litigation, enforcement defense, and regulatory compliance counseling. Aminah is a California transplant, originally from the East Coast (go Eagles!). Prior to moving to Sacramento, Aminah practiced environmental law in Annapolis, Maryland for 5 years. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring new foods and wine, cooking, spending time outdoors, and playing with her Old English Sheepdog puppy, Wallace.

## Meet the 2018 WLS Board Continued



**Avalon Fitzgerald**, vice-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee, is an associate at Downey Brand. Avalon's practice focuses on general civil litigation and appeals in state and federal court. She recently finished a clerkship with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and is finishing her term as the president of the Sacramento Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Avalon is a Sacramento native and was happy to return home after graduating from Boston University School of Law. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, cooking, and being outdoors.



**Kathleen Gallagher** is co-chair of the Development Committee. She is a Founding Partner at Gallagher Jones LLP, a women-owned law firm specializing in Business Litigation, Business Formation and Governance, and Estate Planning. She was recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Northern California in 2017 and is also appointed to the Business Litigation Standing Committee of the newly formed California Lawyers Association. She is an active member of the West Sacramento Rotary Club. Her hobbies include skiing, playing golf, running, and traveling with her husband.



**Kim Garner**, Vice President, is Of Counsel at Duggan Law Corporation and specializes in trust litigation. Her background is in a wide array of civil litigation matters and brings that knowledge and experience to her trust litigation and estate planning practice. She has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Northern California each year since 2015. Kim received her B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Kim also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the McGeorge Alumni Association. In her spare time, Kim enjoys spending time with her husband and two children (3 year old and 1 year old), drinking wine, making wine and shopping from her iPhone.



**Wendy Green**, vice-chair of the Development Committee, is Senior Counsel at Flesher Schaff & Schroeder, Inc. Her practice focuses on legal and insurance professional liability defense, business litigation, insurance bad faith defense and civil appeals. Wendy is also a member of the Committee on Administration of Justice for the State Bar of California.



**Heather Johnston** is co-chair of the Programs Committee. Heather is the founder of Sapphire Law Group, where she represents clients in connection with estate planning, business formation and operation, real estate and trust administration, including the distribution of complex trust assets, resolution of disputes over trust assets and title issues created the improper administration of trust property. Ms. Johnston has represented lenders, regional developers, investors, business owners and families. She received her B.S. degree from the University of California and her J.D. degree, with distinction, from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.



**Lauren Jones** is vice-chair of the Development Committee. She is a Founding Partner at Gallagher Jones LLP, a women-owned law firm specializing in Business Litigation, Business Formation and Governance, and Estate Planning. When she's not working, you can find Lauren spending time with her husband and daughter, painting, crafting, or dabbling in photography.

## Meet the 2018 WLS Board Continued



**Alexandra Kamel** is Vice-Chair of the Programs Committee. She practices environmental law for the California Air Resources Board, where she has worked on such high-profile cases as *People ex rel. Air Resources Board* and *Attorney General Harris v. Volkswagen*. She is passionate about protecting the environment and the people of California. Prior to her work for the Air Resources Board, she worked in general civil litigation and completed a prestigious executive fellowship with the California Office of the Governor. When she is not working, she enjoys volunteering for causes she cares about, reading, watching musicals and French films, and singing.



**Katie Konz** returns this year as co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. Katie is an associate at Downey Brand LLP. Her practice focuses on general civil litigation and appellate work. In her spare time, Katie enjoys spending time with her three dogs, snowboarding, hiking, reading, and eating.



**Alanna Lungren** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. Alanna is an associate at Hartman King PC, and represents business, industry, auto-body and agriculture sectors in environmental litigation and regulatory compliance matters. Alanna advises clients on compliance with numerous federal, state and local environmental laws, including those involving hazardous substances, hazardous waste, storm water management, waste discharge requirements, site investigations and remediation of contaminated urban and agricultural properties. Alanna graduated from McGeorge School of Law and attended the University of Notre Dame for undergrad. For fun, Alanna enjoys skiing, riding horses, and triathlons.



**Corrie Manning** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. She has previously served on both the Development Committee and the Membership Committees. Corrie is senior counsel for the League of California Cities, an organization that advocates for the common interests of California's cities. In her spare time, Corrie likes to travel with her husband and two dogs, Violet and Indigo. She also likes to spoil her ten nieces and nephews, the youngest three of which are triplets!



**Tiffany Monroe** is vice chair of the Development Committee. Tiffany Monroe is the Assistant Director of Human Resources and Deputy General Counsel of Galaxy Desserts and Brioche Pasquier USA.



**Stephanie Ogren** is co-chair of the Development Committee. Stephanie is an attorney at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. In her free time, she enjoys riding her Vespa and playing with her daughter.



**Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen** is Treasurer of the 2018 Board. She is a policy consultant and counsel to the California Senate Office of Research. Her areas of expertise include the judiciary, public safety and governmental organization. She previously was counsel for the California Senate Judiciary Committee and prior to that, she was an Assistant Public Defender for Sacramento County. Her husband, Dan Olsen, is also an attorney in Sacramento at Abrate and Olsen Law Group, handling trusts and estates, business formation, debt collection and criminal defense matters. She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and three young children.

## Meet the 2018 WLS Board Continued



**Amy O'Neill**, a co-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee, is an associate at King & Spalding LLP where she works primarily in the arena of healthcare litigation. Amy has been on the Board of WLS since 2012. Amy lives with her husband in Sacramento and likes to spend her free time doing anything outdoors.



**Lissa Oshei** is co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. This is her first year on the WLS Board, and she is excited to be part of the organization. Lissa is an associate at Boutin Jones Inc. in the Labor and Employment practice. Lissa received her B.A. in Business from the University of Puget Sound and her J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law. Outside of work, Lissa enjoys traveling, hiking with her two dogs, and experimenting in the kitchen with baking and cooking.



**Kelly Pope**, President of the 2018 Board, is a partner with Downey Brand LLP, where she is a member of the firm's business litigation and bankruptcy law practices. Her litigation experience is vast and includes matters involving eminent domain, real property disputes, business disputes, and family law. She also represents debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy cases. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys reading, hiking, and exploring Sacramento's many fun activities with her husband and three young children.



**Vanessa Raven** is co-chair of the Grants & Awards Committee. This is her fourth year serving on the board and she is excited for the opportunity to become more involved in the leadership of WLS. Vanessa is an associate at the Pollara Law Group where her practice focuses on medical malpractice defense and administrative law. She received her B.A. in English from California State University, Sacramento and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law. Vanessa enjoys spending her free time with her fiancé, two dogs, and three cats, and looks forward to welcoming her first child in February.



**Tara Rojas** is a vice chair on the Grants & Awards Committee. She is a family law attorney at Rojas Family Law, Inc. where she handles the full range of domestic relations matters, including dissolution of marriage, child custody, support, domestic violence, pre-marital/postnuptial agreements, and property division. She earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's and her law degree from Pacific McGeorge. In her spare time, Tara enjoys spending time with family and friends.



**Kristine Scribner** is vice chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. Kristine is an attorney with Lewis Brisbois where she practices civil litigation, including public entity, civil rights and general liability defense. She is native of the Sacramento area and obtained her bachelor's degree from U.C. Davis and graduated from McGeorge School of Law with a concentration in intellectual property. Kristine enjoys spending time with friends and family, frequenting local wineries and traveling.



**Lauren Foust Sorokolit** is co-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee. She is Associate General Counsel at Molina Healthcare, Inc., where she focuses on health plan operations, licensing, state fair hearings, and pharmacy issues. Prior to joining Molina Healthcare, she litigated medical malpractice and business dispute lawsuits. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, running, and spending time with her baby Wyatt, husband Rob, puppy Lucy, and cats Ginsburg and Ziggy.

## Meet the 2018 WLS Board Continued



**Roxanne Strohmeier**, a vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee, graduated from the University of California, Davis, School of Law in December 2016. At UC Davis, she was the Managing Productions Editor for the Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy, a board member of the King Hall Women's Law Association and Law Students for Reproductive Justice, a member of the Trial Practice Honors Board, and a student member of the Milton Schwartz David Levi American Inn of Court. Before attending law school, Roxanne worked as a Program Development Consultant for the California Department of Public Health. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.



**Jackie Limbo Sueyres** is co-chair of the Judicial and Other Appointments. This is Jackie's third year on the Board and she is excited to be a part of this organization. Jackie is an associate at Tiza Serrano-Thompson and Associates where she practices insurance defense litigation. She previously spent time in the Sacramento and Santa Barbara Public Defenders offices. Jackie is also a board member for PINC, a local philanthropic organization. In her spare time, Jackie teaches classes at the Dailey Method in downtown Sacramento and enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons.



**Katherine Underwood**, co-chair of the Development Committee, is a Deputy City Attorney with the City of Sacramento. She is a member of the Litigation Section, which handles lawsuits involving the City and/or its staff and provides pre-litigation and risk management advice to City departments on an as-needed basis. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Katherine worked as a paralegal in Silicon Valley, California and Washington, D.C. When she isn't working, Katherine and her partner, Anthony, enjoy working on their 1920's home and indulging in their love of food and wine.



**Ariana Van Alstine** is vice-chair of the Membership Committee. She is Senior Counsel at Kennaday Leavitt Owensby PC, specializing in regulatory compliance and licensing for cannabis and healthcare businesses. In addition to the WLS board, Ariana sits on the California Cannabis Industry Association Subcommittee for Insurance, and acts as an Alumni Coach to the University of the Pacific, McGeorge Moot Court Honors board. In her spare time, Ariana enjoys international travel, cooking, all manner of outdoor adventure.



**Jessica Walker** is a vice chair of the Grants & Awards Committee. Jessica recently launched her own practice, Law Office of Jessica Walker, with a focus on civil litigation and assisting businesses with their legal needs. Jessica earned her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in 2007 with highest honors and graduated magna cum laude from Saint Mary's College of California. She enjoys spending time with her husband, three young sons and golden retriever. Jessica also loves hiking, backpacking, triathlons and wine tasting.

### 2018 Board Liaisons

#### JUDICIAL LIAISON



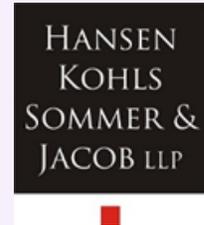
Associate Justice Elena J. Duarte was appointed to the Third District Court of Appeal in December, 2010. From 2007 to 2008 she was a trial judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court and was subsequently appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court, where she served through 2010. Born and raised in California, she is a graduate of University of Southern California and received her law degree from Stanford Law School. After law school she worked at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C., and then returned to California where she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Sacramento and Los Angeles. At the time of her 2007 appointment to the trial court, she was Chief of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section at the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles.

# Announcements & Other News

## Job Announcements

Position: Associate Attorney

Firm: Hansen, Kohls, Sommer & Jacob, LLP  
1520 Eureka Road, Suite 100  
Roseville, CA 95661



Hansen, Kohls, Sommer & Jacob, LLP is a boutique 9-attorney law firm looking to immediately add another litigation associate attorney to our office in Roseville, CA.

Our largest practice areas are professional malpractice defense, insurance bad faith and business litigation. This position requires a person with excellent verbal and written communication skills, confidence, poise and the ability to think creatively. A minimum of one to five years' civil litigation experience is required. Our salaries are very competitive and we offer a great working environment. Contact Jennifer Durda, Administrator, via email at [jdurda@hansenkohls.com](mailto:jdurda@hansenkohls.com).

Please include a current résumé and writing sample in your reply. (To learn more about our firm, visit our website at [www.hansenkohls.com](http://www.hansenkohls.com).)

Position: Mid-Level Associate Attorney

Firm: Hartman King PC  
520 Capitol Mall, Suite 750  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Hartman King PC, a Sacramento-area boutique law firm specializing in environmental, real estate and business law, is seeking an associate with 3-7 years of experience to support its environmental practice. The attorney's practice will include regulatory compliance counseling, environmental litigation, agency enforcement defense and contaminated property transactional matters. The candidate must be a strong technical lawyer, quick learner, able to handle a fast-paced, heavy and complex workload, and enjoy working in a collaborative environment. Strong academic credentials, excellent writing and communication skills, and a very positive attitude are a must.

To be considered, interested candidates should submit the following application materials to [resumes@HartmanKingLaw.com](mailto:resumes@HartmanKingLaw.com): resume, cover letter, writing sample and reference list.

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# Announcements Continued...

**Position: Regulatory Counsel (Classification: Full-time, Exempt; Reports to: Chief Legal Counsel)**

**Employer: Planned Parenthood**



The Legal Counsel is responsible for providing and coordinating legal representation and advocacy for California Planned Parenthood Education Fund, Inc. (CPPEF) and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC), primarily related to the provision of healthcare by the seven independently incorporated Planned Parenthood affiliates in California (California affiliates). Collectively, these affiliates operate 115 health centers and provide almost 1.6 million patient visits each year. The in-house attorney will provide legal analyses, guidelines and opinions, draft policies and procedures, interface with various State agencies and the Legislature and work to infuse Planned Parenthood's values into relevant legislation, regulations, government policies and administrative actions. Duties include assisting Affiliates and their health centers to comply with federal and state legal requirements, providing legal counsel to business operations, and representing CPPEF/PPAC and the Affiliates before regulatory agencies and within coalitions. The Legal Counsel is an employee of CPPEF and is hired to serve as legal counsel for both CPPEF and PPAC. Neither CPPEF nor PPAC foresees any actual or potential conflict of interest arising from the Legal Counsel serving in that capacity for both entities.

## Essential Job Functions

- Works on matters related to healthcare regulatory compliance, including but not limited to: facility licensing and enrollment, scope of practice, patient privacy and consent, formulary and billing, and reimbursement-related issues. Works with the California Affiliates to draft and file various regulatory applications on their behalf.
- Drafts model policies and procedures for health center operations on regulatory compliance issues.
- Researches and analyzes community clinic licensure, enrollment, and billing/reimbursement policies, regulations, and statutes, as necessary.
- Attends key stakeholder meetings related to regulatory requirements that impact affiliate operations.
- Conducts legal analysis of legislation and regulations; drafts legislation and amendments, regulatory comments, reports, policy briefs and sign-on letters; prepares testimony and briefing.
- Prepares legal presentations and trainings for affiliate and health center staff.
- As requested, assists staff on legal issues and provides legal opinions, prepares legal memoranda, and reviews contracts.
- Answers questions from, and provides general legal direction to, Affiliates.
- Meets with other groups or associations interested in assigned issues, forming coalitions as appropriate.
- Hires and manages legal interns and volunteers.
- Represents CPPEF/PPAC and handles other duties and projects as assigned.

## Skills and Abilities Required

- Admission to California Bar.
- 2 – 5 years Regulatory and/or Healthcare Law experience
- Excellent written and verbal communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to effectively manage multiple priorities at one time, often in the face of fast turn-around deadlines.
- Critical thinking skills, including the ability to handle macro and micro management of issues and projects.
- Resourceful research skills, including the ability to think “outside the box” for answers or solutions.
- Familiarity with community clinic environment, health care law and reproductive justice issues.
- Team player, yet self-motivated and willing to work independently and take initiative.
- Willing to occasionally work evenings, weekends and travel in California.

## How to Apply

Email cover letter, resume and writing sample to [resumes@ppacca.org](mailto:resumes@ppacca.org) Note: Applicants must indicate "Legal Counsel, [last name]" as the subject of emailed applications. Please also note where you first saw this job posting when you send in your application. Cover letter and resume should be sent as separate attachments.

For more information please visit <http://www.ppactionca.org/about/job-opportunities.html>.



California Women Lawyers & the Litigation Section of California  
Lawyers Association Present

# SO, YOU WANT

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# A JUDGE?™

*Part 2*  
*Pathways to the State and Federal Bench*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

California State Capitol Building, 1315 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- 11:00 a.m. – Registration and Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. – Opening Session
- 2:00 p.m. – Breakout Sessions
- 4:00 p.m. – Networking Reception

- CWL or CLA Litigation Member - early bird (by February 23): **\$100.00**
- Non-member - early bird (by February 23): **\$125.00**
- CWL or CLA Litigation Member - regular: **\$125.00**
- Non-member - regular: **\$150.00**
- Government: **\$75.00**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>!](#)**

**Featuring:**

- David Casey, State Chair of Senator Feinstein’s Judicial Selection Committee
- David Fu, 2017 JNE Commission Chair

**Panelists Currently Include:**

- Judge Barbara Dickinson, Alameda County Superior Court (Appt’d 2017)
  - Judge Laurie Earl, Sacramento County Superior Court (Appt’d 2005)
  - Judge Leslie Landau, Contra Costa County Superior Court (Appt’d 2003)
  - Judge Benjamin Reyes, Contra Costa County Superior Court (Appt’d 2017)
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