



## Katherine Guilford

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Katherine Guilford is an Associate Attorney with Van Dermeyden Makus Law Corporation. Her practice focuses on discrimination-based complaints in both private and public-sector employment contexts and Title IX campus investigations and hearings.

Trained in Trauma Informed Forensic Interviewing, Katherine is also an experienced investigator in Title IX sexual misconduct claims. She understands best practices in the Title IX arena, and challenges facing schools and parties when sexual violence allegations surface.

Katherine has investigated matters at K-12 Districts and Universities, including allegations involving discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. She is trained in and is experienced with challenges that may arise in investigations with LGBTQ parties.

Prior to joining Van Dermeyden Makus, Katherine worked as a Law Clerk for Disability Rights California and for the Health Division of Legal Services of Northern California. While working for these public assistance organizations, Katherine gained practical experience in assisting clients with formal government complaints as well as with Medi-Cal benefit termination hearings. She also clerked for Hirst Law Group, a firm specializing in plaintiff-side whistleblower litigation.

While studying law at UC Davis, Katherine served as Editor-in-Chief of the Business Law Journal, a biannual business law and policy journal. Katherine graduated from UC Davis School of Law, and holds an undergraduate degree from Thomas Aquinas College.

## Professional Organizations, Community Involvement and Training

- Juris Doctor, University of California Davis School of Law, 2018
  - Editor-In-Chief, Business Law Journal
- AWI Accredited Certificate, AWI Institute
- Trained in trauma-informed interviewing
- T9 Mastered Training for Hearing Officers, 2021
- Member, State Bar of California
  - Member, Labor & Employment Section
- Member, California Lawyers Association (CLA)
- Member, Schwartz-Levi Inn of Court, (2019 - present)