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Overview

Alyse Nichols is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Walnut Creek Office. She represents clients in the facilities and business, litigation, and construction aspects of education law.

Experience

Ms. Nichols frequently assists clients through Brown Act compliance, particularly related to agenda questions and issues; reviews vendor contracts; and helps conduct investigations into both employee and student Title IX complaints.

Ms. Nichols prepares and assists clients in presenting expulsion cases, on behalf of school sites, before school boards and admin panels. She assists admin panels throughout the expulsion hearing process, and presents on student discipline, including expulsion appeals. She has also negotiated stipulated expulsion agreements for school sites. Additionally, Ms. Nichols supports clients in handling grade challenge appeals and requests for student records.

Ms. Nichols previously worked as a staff attorney at the California Supreme Court, where she reviewed and researched criminal writ petitions, and petitions for review in direct appeal and habeas corpus cases. She then proposed resolutions of the legal issues in each case to the court. Ms. Nichols also served as a judicial extern for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, where she gained extensive experience researching and drafting proposed procedural and dispositive orders in prisoners' cases.

Education

Ms. Nichols received her Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and earned Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Spanish from Westmont College. While in law school, Ms. Nichols was a member of the USF Law Review, and the McAuliffe Honor Society, and served as President of the USF Law La Raza Student group.

Practices

Facilities & Business
Litigation
Construction Advice & Litigation

Education

J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law
B.A., Westmont College

Admissions

California