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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara,
B.A.

University of California, Davis School of
Law, J.D.

Admissions

California State Bar

Rachael W. Hiatt is an Associate in the Litigation Department at Sklar Kirsh LLP. Rachael has considerable experience in complex commercial litigation, including disputes involving breach of contract, intellectual property, fraud, collections, and employment issues. Rachael has also handled matters involving real estate and environmental claims. Prior to joining Sklar Kirsh, Rachael practiced law in Northern California, most recently at Hopkins & Carley, ALC where her time was devoted to an array of complex civil disputes.

A native of Los Angeles, Rachael earned her B.A. in Psychology and Spanish at the University of California, Santa Barbara and her J.D. at the University of California, Davis, School of Law. During law school, Rachael was an articles editor for the *UC Davis Law Review* and a senior articles editor for the *Environs: Environmental Law and Policy Journal*.

Rachael is engaged in her community and is a passionate supporter of Jewish Family Services. She volunteers by drafting resumes for newly-relocated refugees from countries such as Afghanistan and Colombia, and works with Spanish-speaking refugees to translate job application materials into English. She also volunteers with the LA chapter of the Surfrider Foundation by participating in beach cleanups. In her free time Rachael enjoys surfing, snowboarding, and traveling.

Representative Matters

- Currently representing an electrical utility company in ongoing wildfire litigation involving landowner, fire department, and oil production company plaintiffs.
- Successfully defended an international construction engineering company against a tort claim for abuse of process by bringing an anti-SLAPP and attorney’s fees motion. The tort claim for abuse of process was based on a client’s litigation conduct during an underlying trademark infringement case.
- Handled an appeal and cross-appeal stemming from a judgment in a client’s favor regarding an anti-SLAPP and attorney’s fees motion.
- Currently prosecuting a fraudulent property transfer action on behalf of the same engineering company against a debtor from the underlying trademark infringement case.

- Represented multiple farming companies and individual farm owners in a complex fraud, breach of contract, and trademark infringement case in federal and state court.

Recognitions

- *Los Angeles Business Journal* – “Leaders Of Influence: Minority Attorneys” (2023)
- *Lawdragon* – “Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation” (2023)
- *Super Lawyers* – “Southern California Rising Stars” (2024)