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Areas of Focus

- Government



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Jessilyn represents local governments and public agencies in transactional and advisory matters involving open government, public records, conflict of interest, elections laws, Proposition 218, ordinance drafting, and public contracting and public works. She is adept in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating agreements, such as professional and consulting services, master services, nondisclosures, IT and software, and grants.

Prior to joining the firm, Jessilyn was an associate at a municipal law firm. During law school, she externed for the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye of the Supreme Court of California and served as Vice President of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

In addition to her law practice, Jessilyn is an active member of her community. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Southeast Asian Development Center.

Publications

“New 2026 Compliance Obligations for Local Agency Officials: Expanded Training and Centralized Form 700 Filing,” co-author, Government Legal Alert (December 2025)

“The ‘Pokemon’ Case – Court Upholds Termination Based on Unintentional In-Car Dash Cam Recording of Peace Officers Hunting a Snorlax,” Labor & Employment Law Alert (February 2022)

“California Supreme Court Allows Challenge to Oakland’s Franchise Fee,” Government Law Alert

(August 2022)

Presentations

“Recent Legislative Updates to the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and More,” co-presenter, CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference (November 2023)

Professional Affiliations

Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, Mentorship Committee Co-Chair

Bar Association of San Francisco, Member

Queen’s Bench Bar Association, Member

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Judge Mary E. Wiss, San Francisco Superior Court

Judicial Extern for the Honorable Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Supreme Court of California

Academic Distinctions

Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, Executive Internal Editor

Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, Member

Education

J.D., *cum laude* UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2017)

B.A., University of Southern California (2014)

Admissions and Courts

California