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Zahra is an associate in the firm's litigation section and specializes in appellate matters. She began her legal career clerking for Magistrate Judge Robert M. Illman at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. During law school, Zahra served as a judicial extern for Judge Robert M. Illman, for Justice Barbara J.R. Jones (Ret.) at the California Court of Appeal, and for Justice Debra L. Stephens at the Washington Supreme Court. She also represented a probono asylum applicant before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit as part of the UC Law SF Appellate Project.

In addition, Zahra served as an Adjunct Professor of Law and Moot Court Alumni Coach at UC Law SF, where she taught legal research, appellate brief-writing, oral advocacy, and moot court for 1L students.

#### **Presentations**

"Civil Litigation Update - Recent Cases of Concern," cospeaker, Contra Costa County Bar Association 30th MCLE Spectacular (November 2024)

# **Judicial Clerkships**

Judicial Clerk and Extern for Judge Robert M. Illman, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Judicial Extern for Justice Barbara J.R. Jones (Retired), California Court of Appeal, First District, Division 5

Judicial Extern for Justice Debra L. Stephens, Supreme Court of Washington



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#### **Academic Distinctions**

David E. Snodgrass Award

**National Moot Court Competition** 

Scribes American Association of Legal Writing

Hastings Appellate Project

## **Education**

J.D., UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2021)

B.A., Political Science University of California, Berkeley (2016)

### **Admissions and Courts**

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit