



## **Darra M Lanigan**

Associate

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Darra M. Lanigan is an associate in Newmeyer Dillion's Walnut Creek office. Her areas of practice include a wide range of business and civil litigation, environmental matters, and intellectual property acquisition, protection, and enforcement.

Darra brings a collaborative approach to client service and helps ensure the firm supports each client in achieving their goals. Her legal practice is based on one key focus: providing a superior legal product that will help propel clients through their legal needs. Darra's background offers a variety of unique skill sets that complement the firm's service team, including:

**Proven record of success.** Before joining Newmeyer Dillion, Darra practiced public entity defense litigation. Darra handled all stages of motion practice, including drafting arguing several successful motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment before the United States District Court. In addition, Darra represented clients in several settlement conferences and private mediations where her written and oral advocacy saved her clients millions of dollars.

**Depth of knowledge in a variety of specialties.** While in law school, Darra worked for several early-stage start-ups and Fortune 500 international corporations. Darra gained experience in all aspects of compliance, employment, intellectual property, and tax issues facing businesses and business owners. In addition, Darra earned the CALI Excellence for Future Award for her work in Silicon Valley's exclusive Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic. Prior to law school, Darra focused on environmental advocacy; she drafted numerous articles about environmental policy, including one presented at the United Nations Climate Summit in 2015.

Darra brings her passion, attention to detail, and zealous advocacy to every matter. From advising a client on contaminated site remediation requirements to registering a trademark for a new small business, Darra's client-centered approach allows her to craft legal solutions tailored to clients' specific needs and goals without sacrificing quality or efficiency.

### **Services**

- Business Litigation

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Alameda County Bar Association

### **Admissions**

- California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

### **Education**

- Santa Clara University School of Law(J.D., 2020)
  - Vice President, Student Intellectual Property Association
  - CALI Award, Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic
  - Witkin Award, Leadership for Lawyer
- San Diego State University(cum laude, B.S., 2016)
  - Environmental Sciences