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Jessika K. Johnson is a Shareholder in the San Francisco office. Her practice encompasses a wide array of business, property, and commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate, facilities, and construction matters, contract disputes, and environmental law. She advises and represents school districts and community college districts in all phases of planning and construction, drafts and negotiates agreements, advises in the preparation of environmental impact reports (EIRs) and other environmental processes, and assists clients in the development of strategies for compliance with federal, state and regional environmental legislation, in particular the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Jessika counsels school districts on the substantive and procedural legal issues concerning school impact fees (developer fees), including proper expenditures of developer fees, justification studies and SFNAs, and mitigation and reimbursement agreements, and has successfully defended and advised clients in connection with developer fee protests and litigation matters. Her expertise also extends to construction matters and project delivery methods, professional negligence, leasing and disposition, Civic Center Act, facilities and land use issues, and property disputes. As a litigator, Jessika has represented and defended clients in mediations, arbitrations, depositions, and at trial. Jessika has also written and successfully argued motions in federal and state court, including demurrers, motions to dismiss, and motions for summary judgment.

Prior to joining Dannis Woliver Kelley, Jessika was an associate in the litigation and land use departments of a law firm in San Diego. While in law school, Jessika was president of the Tulane Law School Student Bar Association her 3L year. In addition, she was a member of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law, and served as a Graduate and Professional School Association representative to the University Senate. During her 2L year, Jessika was a visiting student at the University of California?Berkeley (Boalt Hall) School of Law, where she was a visiting member of the California Law Review. Jessika holds a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Associate accreditation (LEED® GA) by the U.S. Green Building Council.

EDUCATION



DANNIS WOLIVER KELLEY

Attorneys at Law

- Tulane University Law School (J.D.)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A.)

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business and Property
- Construction
- Community Colleges / Higher Education
- Litigation

MEDIA/PUBLICATIONS

- Rreshpja v. Gonzales; The Sixth Circuit's Failure to Consider Gender's Place in Asylum Claims

PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES

Junior League of San Francisco, Member