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Education

Santa Barbara College of Law, J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 2003 Witkin Awards for Academic Excellence
University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., Cultural Anthropology, 1994

Memberships

BAR ADMISSIONS
California

MEMBERSHIPS
State Bar of California
Santa Barbara County Bar Association

Jana transitioned into the practice of law from the field of social services. Prior to joining Mullen & Henzell, she was the Director of Fiduciary Services for a private social service agency specializing in aging and elder care issues such as incapacity, elder abuse, and conservatorship and trust administration. Jana's litigation practice primarily involves probate and real property litigation, but includes a broad range of business litigation. She also advises clients in various real property transactional and estate planning matters. She represents real property owners, agents, and brokers, advising them on their rights and duties, as well as protecting and defending their interests in litigation. Jana's practice involves significant probate litigation in which she represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in contested matters. She counsels and assists her clients in an effort to resolve disputes in the most pragmatic and cost-effective manner and to avoid litigation when possible. When necessary, however, Jana is a strong advocate for her clients in all stages of litigation, and has tried several matters successfully.

Community Involvement

In addition to practicing law, Jana has been a volunteer with various local organizations, including the Pacific Pride Foundation and the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County. She was a founding member and past President of Body Electric, a local non-profit organization whose mission was to promote the participation and recognition of local women and girls in sports, and advocate for gender equity under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Caregiver Coalition of Santa Barbara, a community coalition of non-profit service organizations whose mission is to support family caregivers.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Probate, Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation