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Sarah E. Fama is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Walnut Creek office. She represents public agencies through various aspects of employment and general liability issues.

Experience

Ms. Fama represents public employers at California Superior Court, California Labor Commission, California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Department of Employment and Housing, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She regularly defends employers against claims of harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination, and wage and hour violations. Clients seek out to provide guidance, education and training to employers regarding employment law compliance, in areas of harassment, discrimination, separation, accommodation, and wage and hour compliance.

She is routinely involved in investigations, either by guiding employers through the investigation or by acting as an investigator herself. She also advises employers and provides training on various topics including investigations, Title IX, sexual harassment, Uniform Complaint Procedure, retaliation, discrimination and other complaints that may arise in an education setting.

Education

Ms. Fama received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, where she was named to the Dean's Honor List. Her J.D. concentration was focused on International Legal Studies. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Alberta.

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Overview

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Experience

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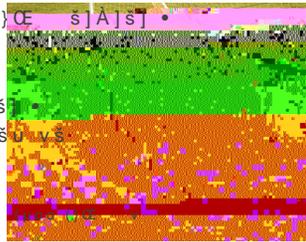


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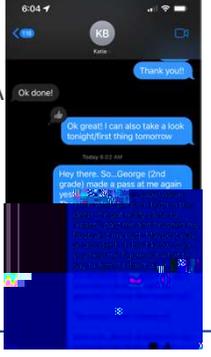
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Step 1: Definition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX

The alleged conduct may meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX. If so, click the "Next" button to proceed to Step 2: Jurisdiction.



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- Dating violence:** Violence committed by an individual who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10)
- Domestic violence:** Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by an individual



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