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Education

J.D., Southwestern Law School

M.A., The George Washington University

B.A., *cum laude*, The George Washington University

Externship

Honorable Michael R. Wilner, U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Admissions

California

Biography

Bernadette Bolan is a civil litigator with experience representing clients in state and federal court in diverse matters including contract, intellectual property, entertainment, fraud, corporate, homeowners association, and false advertising disputes. She is experienced in trademark registration and enforcement, and is among the most experienced PACE-financing litigators in the country. Bernadette's practice also focuses on judgment enforcement and representing clients in appellate proceedings.

Bernadette's pro bono work includes assisting members in underserved communities with completing deferred action for early childhood arrival (DACA) applications, assisting low income residents at senior living health care facilities with drafting wills and advanced healthcare directives, and obtaining temporary restraining orders for victims of domestic violence.

Bernadette received a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology and Archaeology, and a Master's Degree in Anthropology from The George Washington University. She received her Juris Doctorate from Southwestern Law School's two year SCALE program, where she participated as both an oralist and brief writer on the Moot Court team and wrote an amicus brief accepted by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Ohio v. Clark*.

Notable Representations

- Represents the County of Los Angeles in litigation arising from the California Public Records Act and recent changes to the Act under California Senate Bill 1421.
- Represents one of the country's largest property-assessed clean energy program administrators in disputes in state and federal court.
- Represented one of the nation's largest debt investors in an action against an investment banker and broker for fraud in connection with the sale of a multi-million dollar portfolio of charged-off bank debt.
- Represented a high profile entertainer pursuing claims against multiple businesses for false association, right of publicity, false advertising, and unfair business practices.
- Represented the co-founder of a technology startup who was ousted from the company in a partnership dispute and derivative action for fraud.
- Won judgment on the pleadings in favor of homeowners in an action for Fair Employment and Housing Act violations.
- Represented multiple family members in litigation related to a large commercial real estate transaction involving over 20 parties and estates.

Professional Activities

- Member, California Lawyers for the Arts, a nonprofit organization devoted to empowering California's creative arts communities
- Member, International Association of Entertainment Lawyers
- Member, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles