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Natalie Kalbakian is an associate attorney in the Public Law Department at Richards, Watson & Gershon, advising cities and local agencies on a variety of municipal law matters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Richards, Watson & Gershon in 2022, Natalie clerked at civil appellate boutique firm Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP.

As a law student, Natalie had the distinct honor of arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of an asylum seeker. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review where her seminal article about the potential for video game industry unionization and the impacts of California Assembly Bill 5 was published.

Natalie previously handled labor and employment law matters as an intern at the National Labor Relations Board and through Loyola's Employment Rights Clinic in collaboration with the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. She also served as a research assistant to Professor Paul T. Hayden and interned at a transactional entertainment firm after her first year of law school.

Prior to law school, Natalie managed a city council campaign and worked as a legal assistant at a civil litigation firm. She graduated from UCLA with Latin and College Honors.

PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency Law

FOCUS AREAS

Conflicts of Interest and Local Government Ethics

Constitutional & Civil Rights Issues

Elections, Voting & Campaign Finance

Public Records & E-Documents

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

HONORS & AWARDS

Video Game Bar Association, David. S. Rosenbaum Scholarship

Loyola Law School, Otto Kaus Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship

NEWS

U.S. Supreme Court Allows Cities To Enforce Public Camping Ordinances
06.28.2024

Attorney General Declares That SB 1439 Campaign Contribution Rules Do Not Apply Retroactively
10.25.2023

Cities Cannot Tow Legally Parked Vehicles for Unpaid Parking Tickets
08.04.2023

Anti-Camping Ordinance Found to Be Unconstitutional
01.04.2023

Campaign Contributions Can Create Conflicts of Interest for Local Elected Officials Under New Law
01.03.2023

"Good Cause" Requirement for Concealed Firearm License Invalidated
06.29.2022

PRESENTATIONS

Keep Your Eye On the Money: Navigating California's New Campaign Contribution Prohibitions
CSDA Leadership Academy, 10.23.2023

Lunch and Learn: California's New Campaign Contribution Regulations, What Local Governments Need to Know (SB 1439)
Institute for Local Government, 07.13.2023

PUBLICATIONS

How the U.S. Supreme Court's Concealed Firearm License Ruling Affects Local Governments
Western City Magazine, 11.01.2022

Note, *Workers of the Gaming World, Unite! The Uncertain Future of the Video Game Industry in the Aftermath of AB*

