

ELENA CONDES

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Criminal defense attorney with experienced and intuitive trial advocacy. Known for an ability to combine analytical, investigative, organizational, negotiation, motions practice and courtroom litigation skills to prepare powerful defenses for serious criminal cases. Achieved numerous acquittals, dismissals and significant reductions in exposure for clients in serious criminal cases, such as, home invasion robbery, drug trafficking, software pirating, kidnapping, rape, manslaughter, child sexual abuse, medical marijuana, child abuse/endangerment and assault. Cases were litigated in Federal, State, adult and juvenile courts. Licensed to practice before all State Courts in California, Court of Appeal, Federal District Court, Northern District of California and Eastern District of California.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOLE PRACTITIONER
Law Offices of Elena Condes

(1993 - CURRENT)
Berkeley, California

Sole defense attorney in criminal matters which entailed investigations, trial planning, motions practice, discovery, legal research, courtroom appearances, negotiations and jury trials in state and federal cases. Court Appointed panel attorney in Alameda County for Class II cases and CJA panel for federal cases.

Extensive experience in marketing and networking to obtain clients as well as running a small business. Management of employees as well as leasing office space to other attorneys.

Active member including chair position in professional organizations such as East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association, Women Defenders. Served on the Executive Committee for the Alameda County Bar Association's Court Appointed Attorneys Program. Author of a chapter in the CEB Scientific Evidence Book, Ch. 15 GPS, Cell Phones and Other Tracking Devices and Update Author for CEB Criminal Practice and Procedure Book, Ch. 6 Arraignments.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE: WordPerfect, Word, Excel, PDF Producer, Pacer/ECF, Internet Research. Various Sentencing Software, Power Point, Trial Director

CONTRACT ATTORNEY

(1993 - 1996)

Worked for Civil Litigation attorneys taking and defending depositions, research, drafting pleadings and motion, making court appearances, drafting employment termination agreements, drafting contracts and discovery.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR
Golden Gate University, School of Law

GRADUATED 1992
San Francisco, California

Legal Internships:
Federal Public Defender's Office
Responsibilities included research and drafting motions.

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B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, Major in Finance
University of Arizona

GRADUATED 1989
Tucson, Arizona

ADMISSIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- 1993, Admitted to Practice in California, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; 1997, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California; 2007 U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- Member: Alameda County Bar Association; 2004 Chair WomenDefenders; 2003-2006, Alameda County Bar Association Court Appointed Attorneys Program Committee member; 2005-2006 & 2010-2012 President East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Co-chair of the Berkeley High School Site Council 2014-2015.
- Co-developed Educational Equity Alliance (EEA) at Washington Elementary School, Berkeley. EEA funding provided one-on-one after school math and literacy tutoring and bilingual books to facilitate family reading in homes with English learner students. Through an auction and music program the EEA raised close to \$20,000 each of the first three years 2009-2011. The program is still in place today.
- Wrote (and received) a \$5,000.00 grant for the construction of an outdoor classroom for the gardening and cooking classes at Washington Elementary School.
- Wrote (and received) a grant for the Quick Reads Literacy program at Washington Elementary School.
- Member of the Washington Elementary School Governance Committee 2007-2010.
- Member of the Longfellow Middle School, Berkeley, PTA Fundraising committee, 2013.
- Member of the Berkeley Human Welfare and Community Action Commission 2010-2011.
- Coach for ABGSL (Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League) 2009-2010