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English



Kiana Amiri-Davani is Of Counsel in the Environmental Law and Land Use Practice Groups.

She focuses on all phases of land use and environmental matters including regulatory compliance, hazardous materials management, contaminated site remediation and cleanup, litigation and agency enforcement defense. Kiana advises in a variety of sectors including aerospace and defense, industrial manufacturing, oil and gas, transmission and energy distribution, as well as public sector agencies.

Kiana has prior experience with environmental law firms that represented a diverse client base of *Fortune* 100 companies, small businesses, government agencies, community groups, and individuals. She has experience navigating the complex intersection of state and federal laws, including CEQA, CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and SGMA. Her practice also focuses on land use matters, advising on environmental compliance for various complex projects including residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed-use developments throughout California. Kiana also has experience conducting environmental due diligence from a project's inception all through the administrative review and approval process, to successfully defending challenges to project approvals. Her extensive knowledge of environmental constraints and the development process is often considered invaluable to clients contemplating or pursuing real estate transactions.

Additionally, Kiana's practice is enhanced through a formal education as a soil scientist and as a prior environmental consultant for a number of years as a project scientist. She also holds a background in coordinating the environmental compliance, permitting, remedial and other mitigation activities required to achieve timely and cost-effective completion of complex environmental projects.

EDUCATION

Chapman University Dale E. Fowler
School of Law, JD, 2017

California Polytechnic State
University, San Luis Obispo, BS,
2008

ADMISSIONS

California, 2017 – Bar No. 316672

U.S. District Court, Central District
of California

PRACTICE AREAS

Land Use & Environmental

Air Quality

CEQA/NEPA

Climate Change & Sustainability

Hazards & Remediation

Land Entitlements

Wildlife & Natural Resources

Energy, Utilities & Renewables

Trial & Litigation

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America® for Environmental Law; Land Use & Zoning – *Best Lawyers* (2026–2027)
- Southern California Rising Stars list: Environmental Law – *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2025–2026)
- Northern California Rising Stars list: Environmental Law – *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2021–2024)

Commercial Litigation

Eminent Domain & Inverse
Condemnation

Writs & Appeals

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- California Lawyers Association – Environment Law Section, Member
- Association of Environmental Professionals, Member
- San Francisco Bar Association – Environmental Section, Member
- Membership & Early Programs Assistant Director – Women's Energy Network California Chapter, Member (2020-2021)
- Executive Committee Member, San Francisco Bar Association Barristers – Environmental, Land Use and Real Estate Sections, Member (2019-2020)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "WOTUS Overhaul: Clean Water, New Rules" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (November 19, 2025)
- Author, "Court Reaffirms CPRA Enforcement Limited to Named Requesters, Not Classes" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (May 23, 2025)
- Presenter, "Ethical Considerations in Administrative Records: Attorney-Client Privilege, Drafts, and Other Issues" – *CLE International CEQA Conference* (December 10, 2024)
- Presenter, "The Builder's Remedy for Housing: What Agencies, Developers, and Advocates Should Know" – *Meyers Nave* (April 12, 2023)
- Presenter, "California Environmental Quality Act 101" – *California Young Lawyers Association* (December 18, 2019)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advise and represent multiple public agencies in matters related to the RCRA

corrective action cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), including RCRA, CERCLA, CEQA, and NEPA, and regulatory compliance under DTSC and RWQCB oversight.

- Advise and represent commercial property owner in responding to a notice of intent to sue asserting claims under CERCLA and related common law causes of action arising from alleged contamination associated with historic dry-cleaning operations.
- Successfully secured dismissal of an administrative enforcement order issued by the RWQCB on behalf of a public agency client.
- Represented the County of San Bernardino in administrative and judicial challenges to MS4 permit requirements, involving complex issues under CEQA, and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.
- Represented a Fortune 100 company named on ISEO by DTSC; draft memoranda, review and analyze H&S code regulations; and participate in settlement negotiation efforts.
- Represented a landowner in suit against the RWQCB for improper issuance of an investigative order; concurrently represent client in a CERCLA and HSAA suit for the contamination under a City-owned street; draft pleadings and motions, negotiate with AG's office.
- Successfully represented a citizens group challenging the adequacy of a registration permit issued by an LEA and obtained a favorable outcome in Administrative Hearing.
- Defend semiconductor manufacturing company named in a CERCLA and HSAA suit.
- Successfully defended the County of Los Angeles in a CEQA challenge regarding approval for landfill operations; drafted pleadings, prepared the AR; and sat second chair in litigation.
- Represented the County of Tulare in CEQA litigation challenge of a CAP; successfully negotiated a settlement with conservation groups to address GHG emissions.
- Represented the CPUC in the legal review and analysis of environmental documents for CEQA compliance and consistency with the Government Code, local ordinances and regulations for a variety of land use projects.
- Successfully defended a tenant named in a CERCLA, RCRA, and HSAA suit for the discharge of hazardous substances from historical dry-cleaning operations.
- Represented commercial property owner in storm water runoff dispute regarding a defective V-ditch undermining a retaining wall on an adjacent residential community.