



ALEXA K. SMITH

Alexa K. Smith is an associate in Fennemore's Business Litigation group. In her practice, she works with a broad range of clients such as general contractors, small business owners, and nonprofits on a variety of commercial litigation matters including insurance coverage and construction defects.

While in law school, Alexa served in multiple roles advocating on behalf of children, with a focus on children in foster care. Alexa served as a research assistant to then Assistant Dean Dalton, University of San Diego School of Law, researching developing case law on education and disciplinary law. She also served as a legal intern at Riverside County Counsel in their Child Welfare Division. Alexa's experience as an extern with the Children's Advocacy Institute's policy clinic researching and advocating for developing law to benefit children and participation in the Advocated for Children and Education Club at University of San Diego taught Alexa invaluable lessons in research and advocacy. Alexa's passion for advocating on behalf of disadvantaged children provided great insight into how to advocate on behalf of clients.

Outside the office, Alexa enjoys watching crime documentaries, walking her dog, reading books, and participating in a challenging Pilates class.

- Business Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, *cum laude*
- B.A., San Diego University, *summa cum laude*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Litigation

AWARDS AND HONORS

- James D'Angelo Outstanding Child Advocate Award, Children's Advocacy Institute, 2024
- Excess of 100 hours of pro bono legal service, 2024
- Recipient, Law Honor Scholarship, 2022-2024

- Dean's List, San Diego State University, 2017-2020
- McCuen Endowed Economics Scholarship, San Diego State University
- Noon Rotary Scholarship

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "[Staying Ahead: Key California Workplace Laws Taking Effect in 2026 and Beyond](#)," Fennemore Blog, November 5, 2025

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, Advocates for Children and Education, 2021-2024
- Member, Women's Law Caucus, 2021-2024
- Member, Business Law Society, 2021-2024
- Research Assistant, Assistant Dean Dalton, University of San Diego School of Law, 2022-2024
- Legal Intern, Riverside County Counsel, 2022
- Intern, Children's Advocacy Institute, University of San Diego, 2019
- Resident Advisor, San Diego State University, 2018-2020
- Intern, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Accounting Department, 2018
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi, 2019-2020
- Member, Order of the Omega, 2019-2020
- Service Director, Kappa Alpha Theta, 2017-2020

ADMISSIONS

- California