



RACHELLE GOLDEN

Rachelle Golden is a Director in Fennemore's **Business Litigation** practice group. With over a decade of legal experience, Rachelle has built a reputation as a trusted legal advisor and litigator for businesses and public entities, guiding them through complex accessibility issues from construction compliance to website usability, and employment-related matters.

Since 2013, Rachelle has represented a broad range of clients, including small businesses and large institutions, in litigation and compliance consulting. Prior to joining Fennemore, Rachelle was President of Golden Law and served as an associate attorney at local firms, where she specialized in accessibility defense litigation, both in the built environment and in the digital space, and defended businesses against employment-related claims.

Beyond the courtroom, Rachelle is a sought-after educator and consultant. She regularly trains employers on sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation prevention and has advised lawmakers on accessibility legislation at both the state and federal levels. Her insights have contributed to bills such as the COMPLI Act (H.R. 241), SB 1142, and AB 3158.

A graduate of San Diego State University and San Joaquin College of Law, Rachelle is also an active member of the legal and civic communities. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association's San Joaquin Valley Chapter and holds leadership roles with the Fresno County Bar Association and Fresno Community College.

EDUCATION

- J.D., San Joaquin College of Law
- B.A., San Diego State University

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Litigation
- ADA and Accessibility

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 9th Circuit Court of Appeal Representative, 2026-2029

- Member of Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association San Joaquin Valley Chapter, 2024-Present
- Member at Large, Federal Bar Association, 2019-Present
- Committee Member, JESAC Committee, 2019-Present
- Secretary, Fresno County Bar Association, 2018-Present
- Advisory Board Member, Paralegal Advisory Council at Fresno Community College, 2017-Present
- Advisory Member, Paralegal Advisory Council at Fresno Community College, 2015-Present
- Sexual Harassment/Discrimination/Retaliation Trainer, Present
- Board Member, Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce, 2021-2023
- Legislative Chairwoman, Certified Access Institute (CASI), 2019-2024
- Mock Trial Coach, Fresno High School (2018-2020), Justin Garza High School (2021-2023)
- Testifying Expert/Legislative Consultant, Assemblymember Davon Mathis, 2018
- Educator, Small Business Association 2017-2019
- Testifying Expert/Legislative Consultant, Senator John Moorlach, 2016-2017
- Legislative Consultant, Senator Jerry McNerney, 2016
- Legislative Consultant/Educator, Civil Justice Association of California, 2015-2019
- Educator, Public Agency Risk Management Association, 2014-2019
- Chairwoman, City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission, 2011
- Board Member, City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission, 2008-2010

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California