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Vanessa Franco Chavez earned her Juris Doctor from University of Arizona, James E. Rogers college of Law in 2009 and was admitted to the California State Bar that same year. Chavez holds a B.A. degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to joining KDG, Chavez litigated for The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and was also a staff attorney for the Eviction Defense Network in Los Angeles. Her practice at KDG concentrates on employment and class action litigation.

Practice Focus

Business, Employment, and Class Action Litigation

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, 2009

Education

Bachelor of Arts, University of California at Los Angeles, 2001
Juris Doctor, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, 2009

Professional Associations and Leadership

Kern County Bar Association, 2012–present
-Kern County Young Lawyers Section, 2012-present
-Kern County Women Lawyers Section, 2012-present
-Board Member, 2014
Goodwill Industries of South Central California, Board Member, 2017-present
Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2010-2012
National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Participant, 2011 and 2015
Eviction Defense Network, Board Member, Treasurer, 2012
Latina Lawyers Bar Association, Member, 2012-present

Community Involvement

Leadership Bakersfield, Class of 2016
Res Ipsa Loquitor, Editing Committee, 2013-2014
California Mock Trial, Volunteer Attorney Coach, 2012-2013, 2013-2014
Junior League of Bakersfield, Member, 2012-2017
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Volunteer, 2015-present
-Eviction Defense Panel, 2013
Koreatown Tenant’s Defense Network Clinic
-Volunteer 2010-2012
-Clinic Coordinator 2012

Professional Experience

Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 2012-present
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles 2011-2012
Eviction Defense Network, 2009-2011

Languages

Conversational Spanish