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## Vanessa Franco Chavez | Partner

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. Vanessa holds a B.A. degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to joining KDG, Vanessa 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. Vanessa has served as lead counsel for individual and corporate clients in a wide range of civil litigation in federal, state, and administrative forums, including wage and hour, discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, defamation, WARN Act, credit reporting, and contract disputes. She also regularly provides counsel and advice to clients' human resources personnel, managers, and executive teams on contract, employment, and wage and hour laws.

**Practice Focus**

Business, Employment, and Class Action Litigation  
Employment Counseling

**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**

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Volunteer, 2015 – Present  
-Board Member, 2019 – Present (Vice Chair)  
Kern County Bar Association  
-Board Member, 2022 – Present  
-Kern County Young Lawyers Section, 2012 – 2018  
-Kern County Women Lawyers Section, 2012 – Present  
-Res Ipsa Loquitor, Editing Committee, 2013 – 2014  
Goodwill Industries of South-Central California, Board Member, 2017 – 2023  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Participant, 2011 and 2015  
Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Member, 2021 – 2023  
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member 2010 – 2012  
Eviction Defense Network, Board Member, Treasurer, 2011 – 2012

**Community Involvement**

Leadership Bakersfield, Class of 2016  
California Mock Trial, Volunteer Attorney Coach, 2012 – 2014  
Junior League of Bakersfield, Member, 2012 – 2017  
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, Staff Attorney, 2011 – 2012  
Eviction Defense Network, Staff Attorney, 2009 – 2011

**Languages**

Conversational Spanish