

Karen Goodman



Education

University of California, Davis, B.S.

University of San Francisco, School of Law, J.D., with honors

Professional and Civic Involvement

California Lawyer Association (2016–2021)

- Vice Chair, Ethics Committee, California Lawyer Association (2019-2021)

American Bar Association (Small Firm/Solo, Labor & Employment) (2016-2021)

- Chair, GP/Solo– Litigation Committee (2016–2021)
- Co-Chair Spring Program for GP/Solo (with Litigation Section) (2019)

ABOTA (2003–Present)

- President, ABOTA–Sacramento Chapter (2021)
- Vice President, ABOTA–Sacramento Chapter (2020)
- Secretary, ABOTA–Sacramento Chapter (2019)
- Treasurer, ABOTA–Sacramento Chapter (2018)
- Membership Chair, ABOTA–Sacramento Chapter (2017)

National Conference of Bar Examiners: Diversity Committee (2017-2018), Technology Committee (2018-2019)

- California State Bar
- Committee of Bar Examiners (2014–2018)
- Chair, Committee of Bar Examiners (2016–2017)
- Chair, California State Bar Task Force Discipline Standards (2014)
- State Bar Board of Trustees (2010–2013)
- California State Bar Legal Malpractice Specialization Committee (2010)
- California State Bar Legal Malpractice Specialization Task Force (2008–2009)
- California State Bar Professional Responsibility & Ethics Committee (1998–2000)

Board Member, National Conference of Women Bar Associations (2009–2013)

California Lawyers Association (member of Litigation, Real Estate & Employment Sections)

President, California Women Lawyers (2007–2008)

Chair, Resolutions Committee for the Conference of Delegates (2005–2006)

Judge, Pro Tem Settlement Conference (El Dorado and Sacramento Counties)

Sacramento County Bar Association (Small Firm, Labor & Employment, Real Estate Sections)

Sacramento County Fee Arbitration Committee and Ethics Committee

President, Women Lawyers of Sacramento (1999)

Board Member, Sacramento Professional Advisors Network (SPAN)

Honors

Martindale-Hubbell rated AV

Harry Sondheim Ethics Award – State Bar of California (2016)

Named as a “Super Lawyer” of Northern California

Top Women Lawyers In Northern California (2015–2020)

Best Lawyers in America-Real Estate (2012–2020)

WLS Frances Newell Carr Award (2009)

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Admissions and Certifications

Admitted to California Bar, 1984
Admitted to Eastern District U.S.D.C. 1984
Admitted to Northern District U.S.D.C. 2005
Admitted to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal California State Bar
Certified Specialist– Legal Malpractice Law
ABPLA– Diplomate Legal Malpractice

Articles and Presentations

Author

“Multiple Clients: How to recognize when you have too many clients,” CLA Newsletter (2020)
“Why Lawyers Should Care about the Bar Exam,” SCBA Magazine (2020)
“Managing Your Experts” ABA GP Solo Ezine (2019)
“Co-Venturing Your Next Case?” ABA GPSolo Ezine (Co-Author, 2017)
“When Essential Skills Begin to Decline,” The Daily Journal (2013)
“Ethics in Settlement,” ABA Employment Rights and Responsibilities Annual Meeting (2001)
“Recognizing & Avoiding Conflicts of Interest,” SCBA (2001)
“Defending the Real Estate Broker: How Counsel Can Stop the Runaway Train,” The Defense (1998)

Testified

Assembly Judiciary Committee, California Bar Exam (2017)
Senate Judiciary Committee, Judicial Selection Process (2007)

Presenter

Transitioning and Consolidating Solo Practices in a Virtual World, ABA GP/Solo (2021)
Selling Your Services Ethically, CLA (2020)
Knowing Your Client, South Placer Estate Planning Council (2020)
Knowing Your Client, Professional Fiduciary Association of California (2020)
ABA GP-Solo webinar Managing expert witnesses (2019)
Examination of witnesses, Placer County Bar Ass'n (2018)
Ethics and Social Media, Sacramento County Bar (2016)
Ethics and Social Media, ABPLA (2016) Ethics in Trial, ABPLA (2015)
Demonstrative Evidence in Trial, ABOTA Masters in Trial (2014)

Panelist

Ethics in Employment Law, Annual California Employment Law Conference, PLI (2020)
Show me the Money: Ethical issues in charging and collecting attorney's fees, Annual Conference, CLA (2020)
Breaking Away: Ethical concerns when leaving a firm to start your own practice, Small Firm Summit, CLA (2020)
Civility Matters, ABOTA Sacramento Valley Chapter (2020)
California Lawyers Association- What's new in ethics (2019)
California Lawyers Association-Conflict Waivers (2019)
UCD Law School-ABOTA Civility matters (2019)
Sacramento County Bar Association: Collecting attorney's fees (2019)

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Articles and Presentations (Continued)

ABA Litigation Section/GP Solo Division: Demonstrative Evidence (2019)
California State Bar Ethics Symposium—Joint Defense Agreements (2018)
McGeorge School of Law, ABOTA Civility Matters (2013, 2017)
Lincoln Law School, ABOTA Civility Matters (2018)
Women in the Law: Clearing the Hurdles, WLS (2014)
Civility Matters for Litigation Section (2011) ABOTA Masters in Trial Cross-Examination of Experts (2009)
ABOTA Masters in Trial: Demonstrative Evidence (2013)
ABA Lawyers Professional Liability Committee: Taking and defending the lawyer's deposition (2013)

Speaker

Relief Practitioner—Succession Planning, Solo & Small Firm Summit, California State Bar Conference (2013)
SCBA Bankruptcy Section, Predatory Lending (2009)
Trial Practice, WLS (2009) Evaluating Cases, CWL Conference (2009)
Practicing within the Lines, ADC Annual Conference (2008)
Glass Ceiling, Santa Cruz Women Lawyers (2008) Rainmaking, CWL Conference (2008)
Gender Bias, Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, McGeorge Alumni Continuing Education Seminar (2008)
Rainmaking for Women Lawyers, CWL (2007)
Work-Life Balance, McGeorge Law School (2007, 2009)
Powerful Women, WLS (2007)
Real Estate Practice, NBI (2005)
Confidentiality, Lorman Business Institute (2005)
Trial Practice, Lorman Business Institute (2003)
California Legal Ethics, Lorman Business Institute (2000–2003) Avoiding Conflicts, WLS (2001)
Recent Developments in Ethics, California State Bar (2000)
Recognizing and Handling Conflicts in an Attorney-Client Relationship, Yuba Sutter Bar Association (1999)
Recent Developments in Ethics, State Bar Conference (1999)
California Ethics, Lorman Institute (1999)
Ethical Billing Practices, MCLE program sponsored by Women Lawyers of Sacramento (1996)
Recognizing and Avoiding Conflicts in Bankruptcy, Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum (1995)

Moderator

Opening a Law Firm, WLS (2015)
Lawyer as Employer, Litigation Section, State Bar of California (1995)
Selecting a Jury, Litigation Section, State Bar of California (1994)

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