

**JANET R. NALBANDYAN**

[jnalbandyan@swlaw.edu](mailto:jnalbandyan@swlaw.edu)

213-738-6783

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, California

*Co-Director of Externship Program*, July 2022 – Present

*Associate Professor of Law*, July 2017 – Present

*Adjunct Associate Professor of Law*, August 2006 – July 2017

Co-direct Externship Program with almost 400 externship placements per year; create and teach law school courses; create externship curriculum for Online JD program; current courses include Big and Medium Law Firm Practice and Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation; courses previously taught include Remedies, Selected Topics in American Law, Foundations of Law and Practice, LAWS (legal analysis, writing and skills), and Bar Advantage; chair Externship Committee (current) and Placement Committee (past); serve on various committees, including Admissions, Externship, Placement, and Honor Code.

**JANET R. NALBANDYAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW**, Calabasas, California

*Principal*, December 2016

Provide general counsel services including legal advice, counsel, strategic guidance and assistance on issues clients may confront on a day-to-day basis including risk management, corporate governance, compliance with laws and regulations and protection of intellectual property rights; structure, negotiate and document contracts; retain outside counsel and oversee outside counsel work.

**DYKEMA GOSSETT**, Los Angeles, California

*Senior Counsel*, April 2013 – December 2016

Provided legal advice, strategic guidance and assistance to clients from a diverse array of industries in complex transactions and litigation; negotiated and documented contracts; conducted all phases of civil litigation; attended hearings, settlement conferences and mediations; drafted briefs and argued motions; prepared cases for trial including witness and exhibit lists and witness examination outlines, jury instructions and verdict forms; prepared witnesses for deposition and trial; supervised and mentored associates and paralegals; served on Recruiting and Summer Associate Committees.

**BUCHALTER NEMER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**, Los Angeles, California

*Associate*, Litigation, October 2008 – April 2013

Represented clients in business transactions and litigation; negotiated and documented contracts for corporate and financial institution clients; conducted all phases of civil litigation; prepared complex commercial cases for trial; prepared percipient and expert witnesses for deposition and trial; conducted trial as lead counsel; supervised associates and paralegals; served on Recruiting and Pro Bono Committees.

Updated June 2025

**SEDGWICK, DETERT, MORAN & ARNOLD, LLP**, Los Angeles, California  
*Associate*, Commercial Practices Division, October 2004 – October 2008  
*Summer Associate*, May 2003 – August 2003

Represented sureties in cases involving construction of public works projects; represented clients in product liability litigation; conducted all aspects of civil litigation including trials and appeals; served on Summer Associate, Pro Bono, Diversity, and Recruiting Committees.

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**, Woodland Hills, California

*Extern to the Honorable Harry Pregerson*, January 2004 – May 2004

Drafted bench memoranda and opinions; prepared oral argument questions; attended oral arguments; conducted legal research; reviewed parties' briefs; summarized the trial record.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**, Los Angeles, California

*Extern to the Honorable Margaret A. Nagle*, May 2002 – August 2002

Drafted memoranda of opinion with recommended rulings; attended hearings, settlement conferences and trials; conducted legal research; reviewed, analyzed and evaluated parties' pleadings.

## **EDUCATION**

**SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, California

*Juris Doctor*, May 2004

Dean's List, CALI Awards

*Member*, Southwestern Moot Court Honors Program, 2002 – 2003

*Co-chair*, Student-Faculty Relations Committee

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**, Northridge, California

*Bachelor of Arts*, English-Honors, Dean's List, *magna cum laude*, June 2000

*Minor*, Psychology

Thesis Published, *Mrs. Dalloway: A Wish Fulfillment*, PN72 .Z955 2000 183

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of California, admitted December 2004

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Named a "Southern California Super Lawyer - Rising Star" from 2012 to 2017

## **SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- *Presenter*, Various Orientation and Academic Programs, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California (July 2017 to present).
- *Co-Presenter*, "*Supervising and Supporting Today's Legal Externs*," Southern California Externship Consortium supervisor training webinar (May 2025).
- *Co-Presenter*, "*From Data to Action: Externship Policies Responsive to Student Needs and Interests*," Externships 12 Conference, Boston, Massachusetts (October 2024).

Updated June 2025

- *Co-Presenter*, “Professional Identity, Anti-Bias, and First Generation Law Students,” Southern California Externship Consortium training webinar (March 2023).
- *Moderator*, “The Challenges, Perspectives, and Insights of Female In-House and Outside Counsel,” Network of Trial Law Firms, San Diego, California (October 2014).
- *Presenter*, “Commercial Lending Guidelines and Preparation of Loan Documents,” Arrowhead Credit Union, San Bernardino, California (May 2014).
- *Presenter*, “Cybersecurity: Understanding the Risks,” Network of Trial Law Firms, Laguna Beach, California (November 2013).
- *Presenter*, “Data Security Breach: Understanding the Risks,” Buchalter Nemer, Los Angeles (November 2012).
- *Panelist*, “Perspective on Large Law Firm Practice and Litigating Complex Cases,” Southwestern Law School (October 2012).
- *Panelist*, “Perspective on Complex Commercial Litigation,” Armenian Bar Association and Southwestern Law School’s Armenian Law Student Association (February 2012).
- *Presenter*, “Mechanics’ Liens and Stop Notices in California,” Buchalter Nemer, Los Angeles (September 2009).
- *Co-author*, “California Chapter,” The Quick Reference Guide to Western States Surety Law, at 39-69 (WSS Conferences, LLC 2007).
- *Author*, “A Talking, Taco-Loving Chihuahua,” Sedgwick LLP’s Media Law Bulletin (July 2003).