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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties
Litigation; Insurance Law; e-Discovery; Franchise Law

Emily Chaidez is a Senior Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Litigation and Insurance Law practice groups. Ms. Chaidez represents clients at all stages of the litigation process, from pre-trial negotiations and maximizing insurance coverage to trial and appellate briefing. She has extensive litigation experience and has briefed several appellate cases throughout California regarding water rights, Local Agency Formation Commission dissolution proceedings, and short-term rental permit regulations. Ms. Chaidez has litigated a wide range of cases, including breach of contract actions, product liability matters, class-action matters, public works construction, writs, and eminent domain cases. She has also represented policyholders in seeking insurance coverage through federal declaratory judgment proceedings. A skilled litigator and negotiator, Ms. Chaidez has represented numerous clients in mediations as an alternative to proceeding to trial where such resolutions were feasible. In addition to assisting clients in obtaining coverage and resolving disputes both informally and through trial, Ms. Chaidez has represented public agencies in various capacities relating to governance, the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Public Records Act, and real estate matters, including both commercial real estate and eminent domain litigation.

Awards and Honors

- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Legal Ethics

Publications

- Can One Have Their Grapes and Eat Them Too, *Right of Way Magazine*, June 10, 2022
- COVID-19 Orders Unlikely to Constitute Temporary Takings, *Law360*, July 2, 2020

Education
Ms. Chaidez earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She earned her B.A. in Political Science and English from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

Community

- Volunteer Mentor, Crawford High School Academy of Law and Justice
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Lawyers Club
- Member, American Bar Association