

Jessica M. Takano

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Practice Areas

- Real Estate
- Construction
- Litigation

Overview

Jessica practices primarily in the areas of real estate, construction, and business litigation, including related appellate work. Her representative clients include property owners, investors, developers, title companies, lenders, mortgage bankers, landlords, tenants, contractors, condominium owners, homeowners associations, real estate brokers and agents, and businesses and their owners. Jessica's prior experience has included litigating, arbitrating, and mediating numerous cases in a wide variety of substantive areas, including real estate, land use, construction, insurance coverage, product liability, and general business litigation.

Jessica is a trained mediator, having received advanced training in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from the University of California, Berkeley, UC Extension. She brings to her practice a particular focus on finding ways to achieve her clients' objectives as quickly and cost-effectively as possible. Jessica is also a seasoned [trial attorney](#), with jury trial, bench trial, and arbitration experience, who will not hesitate to aggressively represent her clients through trial and on appeal.

Professional & Community Affiliations

- Member, Real Property Law Section, State Bar of California
- Member, Litigation Section, State Bar of California
- Member, Contra Costa Bar Association
- Member, Bay Area Legal Experts

- Member, Women Lawyers of Alameda County

Recognition

- Awarded, Lawyer of Distinction, *Women Lawyers of Alameda County*, 2025
- Named, Northern California Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers*, 2022-2024

Bar Admissions

- California

Courts

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Education

- **J.D.**, University of California, Berkeley School of Law , 1996
 - Prosser Prize for Civil Procedure
 - First Year Moot Court Advocacy Commendation
 - Berkeley Women's Law Journal, Articles Editor
- **B.A.**, University of California, Berkeley, 1993
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - U.C. Berkeley Regents Scholar
 - U.C. Berkeley Alumni Scholar
- Advanced Training in Mediation and Conflict Resolution, University of California, Berkeley, UC Extension

Recent Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2025 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2022 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Feeling at Home: Bay Area Real Estate Lawyers Deal with the Deeply Personal](#), SFGATE, August 12, 2021

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Elects Three New Partners](#), January 6, 2020

Past Speaking Engagements

- “Facebook v. Superior Court: Hamilton’s Duel for Data Privacy,” Edward J. McFetridge American Inn of Court, November 2017
- “I Heard it Through the Grapevine: Developments in Insider Trading Law,” Edward J. McFetridge American Inn of Court, November 2016
- Legal Updates for Real Estate Professionals, Contra Costa Real Estate in Motion, September 2016
- “Better Not Call Saul: Competent Lawyering in San Francisco’s Red Hot Real Estate Market,” Edward J. McFetridge American Inn of Court, March 2016
- Legal Updates for Real Estate Professionals, Contra Costa Real Estate in Motion, March 2016
- “San Francisco Residential Real Estate: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You,” Bay Area Legal Experts, March 2015
- “Current Issues Affecting Real Estate Professionals,” Norcal Real Estate Expo, May 2012