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Lina specializes in public sector labor law, representing police officers, firefighters and other public employees in internal investigations, disciplinary and termination proceedings, grievances, arbitrations, civil litigation, collective bargaining, and in actions before the State Personnel Board, California Public Employment Relations Board, and California Public Employees' Retirement System. Lina also handles general employment issues, providing counsel and representation in both the public and private sector.

Lina has significant civil litigation experience in the state and federal trial courts, including employment, real estate, bankruptcy, business, entertainment, and civil family issues.

Prior to law, Lina worked for eight years in sports media, including stints with NBC Sports, NBA.com and as a local sports anchor for a CBS affiliate in New England.

**CREDENTIALS**

**Education**

- University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D. 2005
- Syracuse University, M.A., Broadcast Journalism 1997
- University of Notre Dame, B.A., American Studies 1996

**Affiliations & Memberships**

- State Bar of California
- Sacramento County Bar Association
- El Dorado County Bar Association

### Professional Distinctions

- Executive Committee, Labor & Employment Section, Sacramento County Bar Association 2016-2019
- Extern to the Honorable Rodney Davis, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District

### PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “Defending Police Misconduct at the Administrative Level,” Police Liability in California, Sacramento (September 9, 2014)

Panelist, “Choosing the Right Legal Career,” UC Davis School of Law (August 2007)

### PUBLICATIONS

Contributing author to The Labor Beat, Messing Adam's periodic publication and alerts highlighting topics germane to public sector labor employees

Coauthor, “California Supreme Court Approves Vastly Expanded Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards,” AIR Waves, the newsletter of AIR Commercial Real Estate Association (September 2008)