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PRACTICES

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California,
College of the Law, San
Francisco, 2024

B.A., The George Washington
University, Elliott School of
International Affairs, 2016

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

Zoë Grimaldi is an Associate in Burke's Litigation Practice Group working in the San Diego office. She graduated from The George Washington University with a bachelor's in International Affairs and with a minor in Arabic. Before attending law school, Zoë worked in public health advocacy and for local, state, and national electoral campaigns.

She received her Juris Doctorate, with a concentration in Government Law, from the University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings). Zoë was admitted as a member of the Legal Education Opportunity Program—a program designed to make legal education accessible to those who have overcome educational, economic, social, or physical adversity. In addition to her studies, she was a member of OUTLaw, a student-led organization for LGBTQ+ law students, and the Disability Resource Program. She also served as a staff editor and was later elected Editor-in-Chief of UC Law Constitutional Quarterly. During her time in law school, Zoë gained experience in labor, employment, and administrative law as a Peggy Browning Fellow for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades and as an extern with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges where she drafted an opinion addressing a Defense Base Act workers compensation claim. Zoë was awarded a grant from the Hastings Public Interest Law Foundation to fund her internship with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. She worked with the City's Trial Team supporting personal injury, transportation, law enforcement, and employment cases in addition to representing the City in encampment resolution matters involving the unhoused. Zoë graduated with Pro Bono Honors for her work in immigration law and with the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic, administered by the Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. After graduation, Zoë moved to San Diego and completed a post-bar internship with the City Attorney's Office in the Nuisance Abatement Unit, a hybrid civil-criminal practice. There, she prosecuted public health and safety misdemeanors and aided civil enforcement of state and municipal code violations.

In her free time, Zoë enjoys cycling and high intensity interval training classes, learning to sail, and spending time with her husband, puppy, and two tortoises.

PUBLICATIONS

“Editor-in-Chief’s Forward, Volume 51 , Issue 2” UC Law Constitutional Quarterly, Winter 2024

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