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PRACTICES

Litigation

Public Law

EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 2021 (cum laude)

B.A., Yeshiva University, Stern College for Women, 2015

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for the Central District of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

AFFILIATIONS

Jewish Bar Association of San Francisco

Eastern European Bar Association

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF)

Dasha Sominskaia is an associate in Burke's San Francisco office and a member of Burke's Litigation and Public Law practice groups. Dasha's areas of practice include public entity defense, general business litigation, and general counsel work for municipal and private clients. In addition, Dasha regularly takes on pro bono child custody cases through the Justice and Diversity Center's pro bono program serving low-income clients.

Before coming to Burke, Dasha worked as an associate for an established class action and complex litigation law firm in Oakland, litigating a wide range of complex class action cases, including defective products, financial fraud, securities, and sexual assault. Dasha's background also includes working as a corporate paralegal at a top tier firm in the Pacific Northwest. Her insider knowledge about corporate practices offers a helpful perspective, and enables case teams to deploy unique litigation strategies as a result.

Dasha graduated *cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law in 2021. While in law school, Dasha was a staff editor for the Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental, and Innovation Law, received a CALI award for earning the highest grade in Torts, and was recognized by the Alpha Sigma Nu honor society for her achievement being in the top 4% of her class. During her 3L year, Dasha externed for Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson at the Washington Supreme Court, which helped her develop an understanding of a judicial chambers' inner workings and further enhanced her legal research and strategy skills.

As a college student, Dasha engaged in community building and advocacy work. In 2015, Dasha was selected for the 36 under 36 award by the Jewish Week in recognition of her outstanding advocacy for LGBTQ+ people within the Orthodox Jewish community, including at Yeshiva University, where she received her undergraduate degree in psychology and creative writing. Her participation in the art activism project "Jews of New York" was recognized by the Boston Globe, Jerusalem Post, NY Daily News and other media outlets.

Dasha is fluent in Russian and proficient in Hebrew.

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