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PRACTICES

Employment Law and Litigation
Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola University of
Chicago School of Law, 2014

B.A., cum laude, Loyola
Marymount University, 2010

ADMISSION

State Bar of California
United States District Court for
the Central District of California

AFFILIATIONS

National Bar Association
Minority Corporate Counsel
Association

Vanessa Hooker is a senior associate in Burke's [Los Angeles](#) office and a member of the [Labor & Employment](#) and [Litigation](#) practice groups, where she represents employers, including public entities, municipalities, educational institutions, and corporations in various labor and employment litigation matters. Vanessa's experience includes successfully defending the nation's largest employers, including multinational entertainment conglomerates, retail giants, and major insurance providers in a wide range of tort, employment, and commercial litigation matters in federal and state court.

Vanessa prides herself on fiercely defending her clients while seeking the best possible outcome for them throughout all stages of litigation, including pleadings, discovery, motion practice, trial preparation, and case resolution. While Vanessa is a fierce litigator, who has successfully drafted and argued dispositive and pretrial motions, she is also a skilled negotiator, who has effectively negotiated the resolution of countless cases before trial.

While attending law school, Vanessa participated in the Moot Court Honors Program, and served as Vice President of her school's Black Law Students Association chapter. Vanessa also worked in legal aid and served as law clerk for the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois. During her last year of law school, Vanessa was invited to study at UCLA School of Law. She had the honor of serving as Judicial Extern for the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

PUBLICATIONS

2023 Legal Trends

RECOGNITIONS

Selected to Super Lawyers, Rising Star 2023-2024

National Bar Association's Associate Advancement Academy for Excellence,

2021