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Anya Kwan is an associate in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Environmental and Natural Resources Law practice group. With previous experience as a chemist, Anya brings her interest and background to her practice, including assisting cities and water districts understand the scientific basis of mandated water quality standards. Although Anya primarily works on matters involving per- and poly- fluorinated alkyl substances and HF183, she also monitors which chemicals are likely become an emerging contaminants before regulations are implemented.

In addition, Anya is also involved with water supply planning for our clients. She handles reviewing any water supply assessments, water supply verifications, water shortage contingency plans, and the urban water management plans.

While attending University of California, Davis School of Law, Anya externed for the California Department of Justice in the Tobacco Enforcement and Litigation Section. There, she assisted in the lawsuit against Juul Labs by analyzing if Juul had knowledge of the potential harm based on previous patents, helped determine what Proposition 65 chemicals the state labs should be looking for in each vape flavor type, and drafted cease and desist letters to various tobacco companies for violating consumer protection laws. She also externed at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Prior to law school, Anya was a flavor chemist working to design natural and artificial flavors for various food and beverage companies. She did research at the California State Polytechnical University, Pomona on flavored nanoemulsions to help beverage companies reduce the amount of flavor added to products; this research was published and presented at a variety of conferences.

Although her primary background is in chemistry, her work at California Institute of Technology in astrophysics and the curriculum at Harvey Mudd College gave her a unique set of tools to communicate with practitioners in a variety of technological areas.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Water Quality

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D., King Hall Environmental Certificate, King Hall Public Service Certificate, King Hall Pro Bono Program

Harvey Mudd College, B.S., chemistry, graduated with distinction and departmental honors

Bar Admissions

California

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Publications

- “The Ramifications of City and County of San Francisco v. EPA on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (“MS4”) Permits,” *Environmental Business Magazine*, Sept 12, 2025
- “What Ports Need to Know About PFAS,” *Pacific Ports Magazine*, Volume 5, Issue 3, October/November 2024
- “Controlled Release of Flavor Oil Nanoemulsions Encapsulated in Filled Soluble Hydrogels,” *Food Chemistry*, Dec. 28 2017

Presentations

- “Addressing Recent Case Law Impacts to the Clean Water Act,” International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Oct. 19, 2025
- “National Legal and Stormwater Policy,” StormCon, Aug. 27, 2025
- “PFAS Predicaments & Progress,” Association of Environmental Professionals State Conference, April 8, 2025
- “PFAS: Predicaments & Progress,” IQ International Pte. Ltd. PFAS Treatment USA Exhibition & Conference, Nov. 21, 2024
- “A Forever Problem: PFAS Chains in Our Storm Drains,” California Stormwater Quality Association Annual Conference, Oct. 23, 2024
- “Navigating PFAS - Regulation, Remediation and Risk,” The Bar Association of San Francisco, The Environmental Law Section, Oct. 1, 2024
- “National Legal and Stormwater Policy,” StormCon, Aug. 28, 2024
- “Navigating the PFAS Lawsuits: From Litigation to Compensation,” Association of California Water Agencies, Nov. 30, 2023