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Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK) Associate Stephanie Véniez is a member of the firm's Special Districts practice, where she advises her agency, district and local government clients on compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

Prior to joining the firm, Stephanie built her legal career with a San Bernardino-based firm as a public defender and advocate for disabled clients and their families. As a public defender, she represented parents, children and legal guardians in all stages of dependency proceedings, from initial removal through post-permanency and adoption. As a disability rights advocate, Stephanie gained significant experience with special education law, due process hearings, individualized education program (IEP) rights, fair housing rights, in-home supportive services (IHSS), Medi-Cal programs, clients' rights under the Lanterman Act, and equal access/community integration for people with disabilities.

Stephanie lives with her family in Redlands. Outside of the office, she enjoys desert landscaping and is working on a native plant garden in her backyard.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "Building a Resilient Malibu School District: Emergency Preparedness in Fire-Prone Communities," *Riverside Lawyer Magazine*, May 2025 Issue

Presentations

- "Minors in Restrictive Settings," Disability Rights California and the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, Feb. 23, 2023

CORE PRACTICES

Education Law

Special Districts

Labor & Employment

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

William & Mary Law School, J.D.

McGill University, B.A., psychology and English literature

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Central District of California