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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

CORE PRACTICES

Education Law Special Districts

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

William & Mary Law School, J.D.

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

Bar Admissions

California

Ontario

