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Aalia Taufiq is a litigation attorney in Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law practice group. She represents cities, counties, and public agencies in complex disputes involving nuanced regulatory frameworks and evolving statutory mandates. Her practice includes providing litigation, governance, and special projects counsel to public entities, elected officials, and agency leadership on matters involving administrative operations, regulatory compliance, public works, contract disputes, fiduciary duties, and public transparency laws.

Clients turn to Aalia for her sharp writing, practical litigation judgment, and ability to manage high-stakes matters with precision. She regularly handles dispositive motions, writ petitions, appellate briefs, and other critical filings—including matters before the California Supreme Court. Her litigation strengths are matched by her ability to distill complex regulatory issues into clear, actionable strategies for public-sector clients.

Before joining BBK, Aalia practiced in the San Francisco office of a mid-size law firm where she focused on public pensions and benefits, complex commercial litigation, insurance recovery, and appellate advocacy.

Outside of work, Aalia enjoys exploring California's terrain through gemstone mining and mineral hunting. She is also an avid macramé artist and enjoys spending time with her two cats and a revolving cast of geese and ducks.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "The Wagstaffe Group Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial," Lexis Nexis, 2018
- "First Amendment Rights: Defining the Boundaries of Free Speech in an Abortion Context," *14 Dartmouth Law Journal*, Dec. 2017

Presentations

CORE PRACTICES

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
Municipal Law
Special Districts
Business Litigation

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D.

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

- “Pending and Recent Litigation Against Public Retirement Systems in California,” California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS) Attorneys’ Roundtable, Feb. 2023
- “Navigating the Attorney-Client Relationship between Counsel for KCERA and its Board,” Kern County Employees’ Retirement Association (KCERA) Board Training, Oct. 2022
- “Litigation Against Public Retirement Systems: Trends & Fiduciary Preparation,” Nossaman LLP 2022 Public Pensions & Fiduciaries’ Forum, Oct. 2022
- “Litigation Impacting the Operation of Public Pensions Systems,” Nossaman LLP 2021 Public Pensions & Investments Fiduciaries’ Forum, Dec. 2021
- “Litigation Impacting the Operation of Public Pensions Systems,” Nossaman LLP 2020 Public Pensions & Investments Fiduciaries’ Forum, Oct, 2020