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Clarissa E. Thurston is an Associate in Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law Practice Group, and assists on various litigation and general counsel matters for public entity clients. Additionally, she works with cities and municipalities to improve the quality of life for their citizens through municipal code enforcement.

Prior to joining BBK, Clarissa served as a deputy district attorney in Imperial County. She lead the misdemeanor attorney team and prosecuted both felony and misdemeanor offenses. In this position, she worked as liaison between the Imperial District Attorney's Office and the local California Highway Patrol agencies.

Clarissa was born and raised in Imperial County, California, where she still frequents to visit family. In her free time, Clarissa enjoys practicing yoga, and trying different restaurants with her husband.

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Municipal Law, 2026

Professional & Community Involvement

- Imperial County Lawyers Association
- Constitutional Rights Foundation, Attorney Coach

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Public Agency Litigation

Police & Public Safety

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

California Western School of Law,
J.D., with honors

University of Arizona, B.S., public
management and policy, with honors

Bar Admissions

California