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Darra M. Lanigan is an associate in Newmeyer Dillion's Walnut Creek office. Her areas of practice include a wide range of business and civil litigation, environmental matters, and intellectual property acquisition, protection, and enforcement.

Darra brings a collaborative approach to client service and helping ensure the firm supports each client in achieving their goals. Her legal practice is based on one key focus: providing a superior legal product that will help propel clients through their legal needs. Darra's background offers a variety of unique skill sets that complement the firm's service team, including:

An excellence in legal writing, advocacy and counseling. Darra leverages her past experience winning the CALI Excellence for Future Award in Silicon Valley's exclusive Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic to provide the highest caliber legal services for all of her clients.

A proven record of success. Prior to joining Newmeyer Dillion, Darra practiced public entity defense litigation. Darra handled all stages of motion practice, including drafting arguing several successful motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment before the United States District Court. In addition, Darra represented clients in several settlement conferences and private mediations where her written and oral advocacy saved her clients millions of dollars.

Depth of knowledge in a variety of specialties. While in law school, Darra worked for several early stage start-ups and Fortune 500 international corporations. Darra gained experience in all aspects of compliance, employment, intellectual property, and tax issues facing businesses and business owners. Prior to law school, Darra worked as an intern for an environmental advocacy group where she drafted numerous articles, including one presented at the United Nations Climate Summit in 2015.

Darra brings her passion, attention to detail, zealous advocacy to every matter whether it involves advising a client on contaminated site remediation requirements prior to a site acquisition or registering a trademark for a new small business. This client-centered approach allows her to craft legal solutions tailored to clients' specific business needs and goals without sacrificing quality or efficiency.

Education

- Air University