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Practice Areas

Corporate Law | Food & Agriculture | Food & Agriculture Litigation | Food Safety & Labeling | Nonprofit/Tax-Exempt Organizations | Real Estate | Taxation

Clients rely on Katlyn Nelms to deliver creative, practical, and effective solutions to an array of legal issues, with emphasis on business transactions, real estate, and food and agriculture.

Katlyn represents clients in various **business matters**, primarily focusing on transactional matters. She regularly assists clients with entity formation, stock and asset purchases, commercial real estate transactions, and issues impacting the **food and agriculture** industry.

Katlyn has experience assisting clients with company governance, transition matters, and **real estate** development documents, including title reviews, commercial real estate leases, and purchase and sale agreements. Katlyn's practice also involves entity formation for cooperatives and **nonprofit companies**. Additionally, Katlyn enjoys assisting food companies, wineries, and farmers in navigating compliance with California's complex regulatory environment.

Experience

- Counsels food companies on compliance with the complex regulatory environment in California, ranging from challenges with state and federal agencies to local ordinances.
- Assisted growers in pesticide drift claims.
- Assisted grape growers in recovering unpaid invoices from wineries, ranging from the use of demand letters to filing a breach of contract action.
- Assisted clients in compliance with pesticide regulations, including appeals to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
- Assisted a food company in an appeal to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- Drafted corporate documents including company waivers, member agreements, partnership agreements, and corporate bylaws.

- Assisted in the legal deed review process for a large corporate transaction.
- Assisted clients in demanding compliance with severance agreements and contract terms.

Professional & Community Service

- Urban Land Institute, Young Leaders Group
- Association of Commercial Real Estate
- California Lawyers Association, Business Law Agribusiness Committee
- California Lawyers Association, Business Law Section
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Business Law Section
- Sacramento Metro EDGE
- UC Davis Business Law Society, Co-Founder
- UC Davis Wine Law Society, President, 2018-2019
- UC Davis Environmental Law Society, 2017-2020
- UC Davis Tax Law Society, 2018-2020
- UC Davis Law School Academic Success Program, Tutor, 2018-2019
- *UC Davis Business Law Journal*, Executive Editor, 2018-2020

Education

- J.D., University of California at Davis School of Law, 2020
- B.S., Business Accounting, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, 2017

Honors & Rankings

- *Super Lawyers*, Northern California Rising Star, Real Estate, 2024
- Witkin Awards for Academic Excellence in Wine Law, Constitutional Law II, Federal Income Taxation, Marital Property, California's Housing Framework

Publications

- *Prop 65 Food Claims Continue in 2021*, California Food Producer, Edition 1, June 2021