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Practice Areas

Family Law

Through hard work and dedication, Vanessa Villarruel uses her critical thinking and litigation skills to advocate for clients in a range of family law matters.

Vanessa recognizes that many of her clients are experiencing a stressful and emotionally charged time in their lives. She is passionate about assisting her clients through the complexities of their legal issues while displaying empathy. Vanessa uses a collaborative and cost-efficient approach to deliver results for her clients.

Experience

Downey Brand's family law practice is particularly sensitive to the privacy of its clients, thus the family law group does not discuss specific case results.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2024
- Child Welfare Practicum at UC College of the Law, 2023
- UC College of the Law, Senior Notes Editor, 2022-2023

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly University of California, Hastings College of the Law), 2023
- B.A., with high honors, University of California, Davis, 2018

Honors & Rankings

- Order of the Coif

- UC Law Honors Society
- Thurston Society
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Highest Grade in Multiple Classes, Including Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and Legal Research & Writing I & II