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Kayla leverages the skills she gained while working for federal and state court judges to effectively advocate for clients at all phases of litigation.

As an Associate in Dorsey's Trial Group, Kayla assists clients with matters involving commercial disputes, business torts, and intellectual property disputes across a wide range of industries. She draws from her experiences working in various jurisdictions to help clients efficiently navigate all stages of litigation, from pleading and discovery through trial and appeal.

Prior to joining Dorsey, Kayla served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Diane J. Humetwa at the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. Kayla oversaw more than 100 civil cases, drafted all necessary substantive and procedural orders, and assisted with multiple civil and criminal trials. Her time in federal court gave her critical insight as to what constitutes effective advocacy in a variety of matters, including contract and securities disputes, copyright and trademark infringements, employment discrimination, bankruptcy, and class action suits. During law school, Kayla gained a deep understanding of appellate litigation while serving as a judicial extern for Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Select Experience

Commercial Litigation

- *Confidential* (CPR Arbitration)
Defended one of the world's largest wholesale retailers against claims for breach of contract, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act in a three-day arbitration. Achieved dismissal of all claims with prejudice and prevailed on a counterclaim for breach of contract.
- *Confidential* (AAA Arbitration)
Defended general partners of a closely held commercial real estate company against claims for breach contract, mismanagement, and judicial dissolution. Achieved

Education

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 2022)
 - Gregoire Fellow
 - Academic Success Fellow
 - Chief Notes and Comments Editor, *Washington Law Review*
- Seattle University (B.A., English Literature, Minor in Writing Studies, 2019)
 - Editor, *Seattle University Undergraduate Research Journal*

Bar Admissions

- Washington

summary judgment on the judicial dissolution claim and obtained a favorable ruling following a one-week arbitration.

- *Te-Moak Tribe v. Zions Bancorporation* (Clark County Nevada District Court)
Defended a national bank against breach of contract claims stemming from an intra-tribal election dispute. Obtained voluntary dismissal of suit upon filing a motion to dismiss under principles of tribal sovereign immunity.
- Representing a video game developer to prosecute various copyright infringement and preliminary injunction matters (ongoing in the federal district courts of California)

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Washington State Bar Association
- Member, Filipino Lawyers of Washington (FLOW),
- Member, National Filipino American Lawyer Association (NFALA)
- Member, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, Honorable Diane J. Humetewa, 2022–2024

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Insights

February 10, 2025

A Federal Contractor's Preliminary Playbook for Avoiding False Claims Under President Trump's DEI Executive Order

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