

# CAROLYN K. LEVENBERG

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## EDUCATION

### CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW

San Diego, CA

*Juris Doctor*, 2000

Concentration: Child, Family and Elder Law

### SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

San Diego, CA

*Master of Social Work*, 2001

Concentration: Administration

Thesis: Professional Identity and Child Abuse Disclosures

*Bachelor of Arts*, Political Science, 1993

Concentration: Study of Comparative Politics and Culture

Minor in English

## EXPERIENCE

### **Presiding Judge**

Affordable Care and Resource Approval Bureau

Dept. of Social Services. (8/22-present)

Supervises, with a co-presiding judge, the judges and operations of the unit responsible for processing Affordable Care and Medi-Cal applications as well as Resource Family Approval applications.

### **Administrative Law Judge II**

Dept. of Social Services, State of California, 3/20-8/22,

Adjudicates complex hearings and issues written decisions on behalf of the department.

### **Administrative Law Judge I**

Dept. of Social Services, State of California, 5/17-2/20

Adjudicated hearings and issued written decisions on behalf of the department in general jurisdiction cases.

### **Lecturer**

San Diego State University School of Social Work, 1/09-present. Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Human Development, Social Policy and Child Welfare on as needed basis.

### **Appellate Lawyer**

Law Offices of Carolyn K. Levenberg, 12/16 to 5/2/17  
Appointed by the Court of Appeal to provide representation for indigent parties in dependency appeals.

### **Supervising Attorney**

Dependency Legal Group of San Diego, Minors Counsel Office, 11/15- 11/16. Responsible for all aspects of managing the office appointed to represent minors in foster care. Duties included those listed below, and in addition, represented the firm on various county and state work group to develop and implement best policies for families involved in child welfare.

### **Assistant Supervising Attorney**

Dependency Legal Group of San Diego, Minors Counsel Office 7/10-11/15. Assisted in supervising 18 attorneys and 9 investigators appointed to represent minors in foster care in San Diego County. This included organizing and providing trainings for the attorneys, attending policy meetings, assisting in trials and overall management of the office.

### **Deputy Public Defender**

County of San Diego, Ca., 12/02-6/10. Represented minors in dependency proceedings as well as dual jurisdiction hearings. Identified dependent minors' legal, medical, education and health needs while in foster care and provide advocacy accordingly.

### **Deputy Alternate Public Defender**

County of San Diego, Ca., 9/01-12/02. Represented parents in juvenile dependency proceedings. Identified and advocated for the rights of parents during the reunification process.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist, since 2009

National Association of Trial Lawyers (NITA) Certification  
in Trial skills, 2012  
Certificate of Completion in Basic, Intermediate and  
Advanced Grant Writing, 2015

### **AFFILIATIONS (CURRENT)**

National Association of Counsel for Children  
State Bar of California  
San Diego County Bar Association  
Lawyers Club  
California Women Lawyers  
American Bar Association

### **PREVIOUS**

American Bar Association Youth at Risk Advisory Group  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
California Public Defenders Association  
California Child Welfare Council's Task Force CSEC  
Member of the CrossOver Youth Guiding Coalition for San  
Diego County  
Member for the Fairness and Equity Committee for San  
Diego County  
Member of the Foster Youth Services Coordinating  
Program: Executive Advisory Council  
Member of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children  
Steering Committee for San Diego County  
Member of the Pro Bono Honor Society Award, 1999  
Field Instructor for MSW Graduate Students, 2008

### **AWARDS**

Exemplary Service Award, County of San Diego, 2006  
DIBBS Award, County of San Diego, 2006  
Juvenile Justice Award Nominee, 2012

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Continuing Education of the Bar, California Juvenile  
Dependency Practice, March 2021-2023 Updates, Chapter  
4: Jurisdiction

