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Overview

Danielle Nicholson represents clients nationwide. She has litigated cases across a broad spectrum of practice areas, including breach of contract, antitrust, intellectual property, and tort.

Danielle plays a critical role in her cases and has significant trial experience. She has successfully argued and briefed a range of motions before federal district courts and administrative tribunals, including motions to compel pivotal discovery, motions to dismiss, motions for judgment on the pleadings, motions to exclude evidence and expert opinion, and claim construction motions. She has taken and defended dozens of depositions, including of both fact and expert witnesses, and works closely with experts on case-critical subject matter. She also has held central roles in trials involving complex technology and intellectual property issues and an arbitration involving a high-stakes contract dispute.

For example, Danielle secured a trial win on behalf of power systems manufacturer, Vicor Corporation, before the International Trade Commission. Following months of briefing and a week-long trial, the Commission banned the importation of power modules and computing systems found to infringe Vicor's patents. Danielle played a significant role on the team, both in briefing important discovery and technical matters throughout the case and in cross-examining three technical experts at trial. [Read more.](#)

BACKGROUND

Danielle joined Susman Godfrey after clerking for Judge Scott Matheson, Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and Judge Cormac Carney on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She graduated *Order of the Coif* from UC Berkeley School of Law, where she served as a supervising editor for the *California Law Review* and co-director of the Workers' Rights Disability Law Clinic. Before law school, Danielle worked on plaintiff-side and defense litigation as a paralegal for two law firms. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley with the highest

distinction, and was a finalist for the University's highest honor, the University Medal.

Clerkships

Honorable Scott M. Matheson, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Honorable Cormac J. Carney, United States District Court for the Central District of California

Education

The University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (J.D., Order of the Coif)

- Supervising Editor, *California Law Review*
- Jurisprudence Awards in Advanced Legal Research; Negotiations; Ethics; Environmental Law & Policy; Employment Law
- Prosser Awards in Written & Oral Advocacy; Criminal Law

The University of California at Berkeley (B.A., Political Economy, Highest Distinction)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California
- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California