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Aalia Taufiq is a litigation associate with experience representing clients in complex commercial disputes, public pensions, public utilities regulation, insurance recovery and appellate litigation in both federal and state courts across California. Aalia is practiced in all phases of litigation, including case assessments, pleadings, discovery, motions, mediation, and trial preparation. She enjoys finding creative solutions to complex, innovative problems that meaningfully impact clients and the community.

Prior to joining Nossaman, Aalia was a litigation associate at a Northern California litigation boutique where she worked on all aspects trial and appellate litigation. She is a contributing author to *The Wagstaffe Group Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial*, published by Lexis Nexis. As a law student, Aalia also served as Online Editor for the *Emory Law Journal*.

EXPERIENCE

San Joaquin County Employees Retirement Association. Member of team defending public retirement system in complex class action concerning benefits under settlement agreement. Assisted on prevailing motion for summary judgment, which included over 600 public records covering 17 years of board decisions.

Various Public Retirement Systems. Part of team providing fiduciary and/or litigation counsel to public retirement systems on various matters involving fiduciary obligations, governance, benefits, open meetings, and public records laws.

San Joaquin Hills & Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency. Member of team representing policyholders seeking reimbursement of defense and indemnity expense under Special Liability Policy, in connection with class action for privacy violation.

Healthcare for Dialysis Patients. Member of team representing dialysis center which was routinely underpaid by its health insurance provider for services to patients with kidney disease. Prevailed on cross-motions for summary judgment and obtained settlement from insurance provider, resulting in a recovery of \$1.1 million.

Employer-Provided Life Insurance. Successfully asserted beneficiary's rights and obtained settlement from insurer, where employer negligently uninsured one of its executive directors while she was undergoing her seventh surgery for cancer treatment, and then attempted to cover up its errors by fabricating documents.

California Wildfires Insurance. Successfully obtained insurance coverage for numerous survivors who were denied coverage after losing their homes in the Northern California wildfires.

Software Company. Member of team defending breach of contract case between data archiving software companies. Managed in-house and third party discovery teams for high volume document productions.

Restaurant Lease. Drafted appeal defending client landlord in action for breach of lease agreement and representing client in countersuit against the lessee for breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation

INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Nossaman's 2020 Public Pensions and Investments Fiduciaries' Forum," Nossaman Event, 09.30.2020 - 10.02.2020

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "First Amendment Rights: Defining the Boundaries of Free Speech in an Abortion Context," *14 Dartmouth Law Journal*, 12.2017

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

Bar Association of San Francisco, Member
Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Member
National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, Member
National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, Member
Conference of California Public Utility Counsel, Member

PRACTICES

Litigation
Public Pensions & Investments
Corporate
Insurance Recovery & Counseling
Pension Plan Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Energy & Utilities
Government & Public Sector

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2017, Online Editor, *Emory Law Journal*
Florida State University, B.A., 2014, *cum laude*

LANGUAGES

Arabic
Urdu

ADMISSIONS

California
U.S. District Court, Central District of California
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California