



Summer L. Nastich is a litigator, counselor, scientist, engineer, and arbitrator specializing in environmental, construction, and land use law, including any necessary litigation. Summer has a life-long passion for learning and problem solving. She received three undergraduate degrees (Oceanography, Biology, and Zoology), a then a J.D. cum laude, and then Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. Although at this point she clearly needed to stop going to school and go get a job, her thirst for gaining and applying knowledge never ebbed. And it led her to an exciting law practice that incorporates all of her book learning, the knowledge she gained working as an environmental consultant, and the knowledge and experience she's assimilated over more than a decade of practicing law. Now Summer brings all of this knowledge and experience to bear to solve her clients' challenges.

Summer speaks Legalese, Geek, Science, Construction, and Normal Person. Her interactions with technicians, experts, courts, clients, and adversaries are seamless, as she literally speaks all of their languages. Her education and experience also allow her to quickly synthesize technical issues and analyze data and information to unearth solutions to meet each client's unique needs.

When she's not working, Summer reads voraciously, takes wilderness survival classes, lifts and carries heavy stuff, trains in self-defense, goes mushroom hunting (don't worry, she goes with experts, though she's happy to pass along what she knows about why it's actually really hard to hurt yourself with mushrooms), eats too much, pranks her kids, and listens to podcasts while wandering through the woods. Summer revels in life and will always push herself to learn, improve, and grow.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Partner, Morris Polich & Purdy LLP,
San Francisco, CA, July 2014–July 2016.

Attorney, SmithTrager P.C. (formerly Smith &
Rendon, LLP) San Francisco/Berkeley, CA,
February 2007–July 2014.

Associate Attorney, Walsworth, Franklin, Bevins & McCall,
LLP, San Francisco, CA, May 2005–January 2007.

Intern, Engineers for a Sustainable World,
Baja Sur, Mexico, Summer 2003.

Summer Associate, Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen,
P.C., Boston, MA, Summer 2002.

Research Assistant, Prof. Stanley Z. Fisher, Boston Universi-
ty School of Law, Boston, MA, 2001–2003.

Client Services Representative, Bench Technician, and Field
Sampling Technician, Chevron Environmental Laboratory,
Richmond, CA, 1999–2000.

Environmental Consultant, MEC Analytical Systems, Inc.,
Tiburon, CA, 1997–1999.

Member, Clean Pacific Oil Spill Rapid Response Team,
Eureka, CA, 1996–1997 (responded to the 1997
Humboldt Bay Oil Spill).

Field Sampling Technician, Pacific Gas and Electric
Company, Eureka, California, 1995–1997.

Research Assistant for Dr. Valerie Paul,
University of Guam Marine Laboratory,
Mangilao, Guam, 1995.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Masters in Environmental Engineering,
December 2004.

Boston University School of Law

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 2003.

Humboldt State University

Bachelor of Science degrees; Oceanography, Biology,
and Zoology, all awarded May 1998.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to practice in all California state courts and the
United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern,
and Central Districts of California.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Environmental Law Litigation
Land Use General Practice
Construction

ARBITRATOR

American Arbitration Association
Construction, Real Estate, and
Environmental Panel of Neutrals

California Bar Association Mandatory
Fee Arbitration Program

