



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.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Nastich Law, Owner & Attorney,
Berkeley, CA, July 2016–present.

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.

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

ARBITRATOR/HEARING OFFICER

2022–present: Hearing Officer for Alameda County.

2022–present: Assistant Presiding Arbitrator of the California
Bar Association Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program

2021–present: Hearing Officer for the City of Burlingame.

2020–present: Hearing Officer for Placer County.

2019–present: Independent Hearing Officer for Hearings
on Matters Related to Solid Waste.

2016–present: Arbitrator on the American Arbitration
Association's Construction, Complex, and Consumer Panels
of Neutrals.

2014–2022: General arbitrator for the California Bar
Association Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program.

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

Arbitration
Administrative Hearing Officer
Environmental Law
Land Use
Construction
Litigation
General Practice

