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Legal Focus

Governmental and Public Entity Liability; Commercial Litigation; Accident and Injury Defense

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2014.

University of Texas at El Paso, B.A. Political Science and Professional Writing & Rhetoric, Summa Cum Laude.

Court Admissions

2014: Texas; 2014: U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas; 2021: U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; 2021: U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas; 2021: U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas; 2021: Arizona; 2021: U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Achievements

Anelisa is listed in the Best Lawyers in America 2023 annual publication of “Lawyers to Watch” in the area of Commercial Litigation.

Publications & Presentations

Anelisa co-wrote and published an article entitled *Ethical Advocacy For Your Agency*, which was presented at the 2016 State Bar of Texas Advanced Government Law Seminar in Austin, Texas.

Professional Memberships

Arizona State Bar

Texas State Bar Association

DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar

AADC – Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

Personal Information

Anelisa has been practicing law since 2014. Prior to relocating to Arizona, she served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of El Paso, Texas (2015-2021), where she defended cases involving alleged civil rights violations brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage claims arising out of the Texas Tort Claims Act; constitutional takings; governmental and official immunity; and EEOC and workers' compensation claims. Anelisa has also represented defendants in personal injury matters stemming from auto and slip and fall claims and has experience handling commercial litigation including alleged violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, and foreclosure proceedings.