# Hazel Verdin

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Hazel Verdin is a litigation associate in the Palo Alto office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She handles a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state court, including complex commercial and contract disputes and securities litigation matters. Hazel has experience litigating matters from inception through trial. Hazel also has experience conducting independent investigations, and responding to books and records demands and inquiries from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Hazel also maintains a robust pro bono practice in the areas of immigration and civil rights. Hazel previously secured asylum for a client in proceedings before the Immigration Court and conducted the examination of a key witness in those proceedings.

She earned her law degree in 2020 from the University of California, Irvine School of Law, where she served as co-chair of the Latinx Law Student Association, Dean's Fellow, Community Fellow, and Research Fellow for the Lawyering Skills Program for first year students. Hazel competed in the Moot Court competition where she argued before a District Court Judge and was named among the Top 16 participants. She also argued a motion before the California Superior Court as part of the Consumer Law Clinic, securing a significant reduction in fees for an indigent client. While in law school, Hazel served as an extern with the criminal division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, where she appeared before various magistrate judges in criminal arraignments.

Hazel earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California where she received the Dean's Merit Scholarship.

She is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California.



## **Capabilities**

Litigation

Class Actions

**National Security** 

Securities Enforcement

Securities Litigation

Securities Regulation and Corporate

Governance

**Technology Litigation** 

Trials

White Collar Defense and Investigations

#### **Credentials**

#### Education

University of California - Irvine - 2020 Juris Doctor

University of Southern California - 2015 Bachelor of Arts

### **Admissions**

California Bar