

## Lexi Zuidema

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Lexi Zuidema is an Associate Attorney with Van Dermyden Makus Law Corporation. Her practice focuses on discrimination and harassment complaints in both private and public-sector employment contexts and Title IX campus investigations and hearings.

Trained in Trauma Informed Forensic Interviewing, Lexi is an experienced investigator in Title IX sexual misconduct and harassment claims. Lexi has experience in investigating University faculty and administrators, underage complainants, multiple respondents, and complex issues involving incapacitation and consent.

Lexi initially joined the Firm as a summer Law Clerk in 2018 and continued as a part-time Law Clerk during her final year of law school at UC Davis. Prior to joining Van Dermyden Maddux, Lexi completed an externship with Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye at the California Supreme Court. While completing her undergraduate degree, she worked for her school's legal counsel researching requirements and applications of Title VII and Title IX. She also worked as an intern for the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office and the Kern County District Attorney's Office, aiding in the investigation of numerous sexual violence cases.

While in law school, Lexi worked as a research assistant for Professor Thomas Joo and UN Special Rapporteur Karima Bennoune. She also served as the Editor-in-Chief of UC Davis' Business Law Journal, and participated in UC Davis' prison law clinic, performing research and advocacy work for inmate clients. In 2018, Lexi's research from her work in Lebanon regarding the legal rights of women and their children in the Middle East was published in the U.C. Davis Journal of International Law & Policy.

Lexi graduated from UC Davis School of Law in 2019 with business law and tax law certificates. She received her Bachelors of Arts from Westmont College in 2016 with a double major in Political Science and Economics & Business.

## Professional Organizations, Community Involvement and Training

- Sacramento County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee Member, 2021
- Juris Doctor, University of California, Davis, School of Law, 2019
  - Editor in Chief, Business Law Journal, 2018-2019
  - Business Law Certificate, 2019
  - Tax Law Certificate, 2019
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Economics & Business, Westmont College, 2016
- Intern, Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office, 2014
- Intern, Kern County District Attorney's Office, 2013
- AWI Accredited Certificate, AWI Institute