



## Jennifer Adams

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### What can I solve for you?

I bring keen insight, a positive demeanor, and active listening skills to all my interactions to ensure I understand the relevant facts of every situation. In handling what are often complex emotional and sensitive issues in special education, I value collaboration and building a rapport with my clients.

### What's it like to work with me?

First and foremost, I prioritize building and fostering relationships with my clients so I can understand how I can effectively support them. Clients trust and depend on me to advocate zealously on their behalf and know that I will not judge them. Ultimately, we are working together towards the goal of providing an equitable education to the most vulnerable population of students. My years of working with the public have given me enormous empathy and appreciation for our educators.

*My legal education, which was focused on Children's Rights, allowed me the opportunity to represent abused and neglected children in juvenile dependency court. I am excited to continue my legal journey representing our clients who have devoted their lives to educating children.*



## Overview

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**Jennifer Adams is an associate in our Oakland office where she practices student and special education law, including mediation and due process hearings as well as student discipline matters.**

Before joining F3, she was a juvenile dependency attorney representing both parents and children in Sacramento and Santa Clara courts. Most notably, Jennifer was chosen to represent her clients in a pilot drug and mental health court which resulted in a decreased rate of recidivism.

Jennifer's legal career started at the United States Probation Office, in Los Angeles as a United States Probation Officer where she provided sentencing recommendations to federal judges in the Central District of California. She received the U.S. Secret Service Certificate of Appreciation for superior contributions to the law enforcement responsibilities of the Secret Service.

Jennifer comes from a family of public school educators and was particularly inspired to explore a career in this field by on family member who worked as a special education program specialist. As a parent, Jennifer has experience working with Special Education educators and understands first-hand the complexity of this field.

## Involvement

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- Women Lawyers of Alameda County (2024)
- Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Special Education Advisory Committee Member (2024-2026)

## After School

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As a wife and mother of three daughters and two dogs (Labrador and mini dachshund), I enjoy spending time with my family, especially traveling together to new destinations. I also enjoy reading different types of books chosen through my book club, exercising at the crack of dawn, and cooking new recipes. I am always up for a good challenge. I have run a marathon, two half marathons, and hiked Half Dome in Yosemite which was an amazing experience, but will never do it again as I am deathly afraid of heights!



## Education

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- Whittier College School of Law (J.D.)
- University of California, Davis (Political Science and Rhetoric & Communications, B.A.)

## Admissions

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### Bar Admissions

- California

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Central District, California

## Related Services

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- Student Rights & Discipline
- Special Education