



## Rebecca Diddams

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### What can I solve for you?

I am passionate about special education and student services issues. From providing guidance for building stronger IEPs to representing your team at a hearing, I look forward to being a part of your school's success story.

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

Just like our incredible schools, its important to me to keep the child at the center of all that we do. I prioritize creative, collaborative solutions that consider the full complexity of every student and every situation, while being mindful of your staff needs and unique programs. I also enjoy providing personalized professional development to help your team continue to improve its effectiveness and compliance.

## Overview

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Rebecca Diddams focuses her practice on the areas of special education, student services, and charter schools, including issues pertaining to Section 504, student rights and discipline, and student policy compliance. She advocates for school districts in complaint hearings before the Office of Administrative Hearing, the Office for Civil Rights, and the California Department of Education.

During and after law school, Rebecca represented low-income families in the Los Angeles area in contract with the local regional center to advocate for appropriate services for students with developmental disabilities, without



the need for litigation. After moving to Northern California, Rebecca worked with a public interest firm in San Jose, providing support for foster and juvenile justice youth.

For the past several years, Rebecca has been assisting schools across the state of California in a variety of student issues, including special education and Section 504, student discipline, UCP and Title IX complaints, and serving at-risk populations.

## Experience Highlights

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### Externships

- Lanterman Regional Center Special Education Advocacy Clinic

### Internships

- Interned for Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers

## Involvement

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- Lily's Legacy Senior Dog Sanctuary Volunteer

## After School

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Rebecca lives with her husband and an ever-changing crew of rescue animals on a little property south of Sacramento. When not playing chaos-coordinator, Rebecca enjoys reading, horseback riding and thrift shopping.

## Education

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- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D., 2015)
- Arizona State University (B.S, Justice Studies, *summa cum laude*, 2012)

## Admissions

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### Bar Admissions

- California



## Related Services

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- Special Education
- Student Rights & Discipline
- Title IX

## Related Clients

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- Public Education K-12

## Presentations

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- California Charter Schools Association Conference: 2021, 2022, 2023
- APlus+ Conference Presenter; 2019