

CRYSTAL L. VAN DER PUTTEN

CURRICULUM VITAE

EMPLOYMENT

ASSOCIATE

Livingston Law Firm
A Professional Corporation

OCTOBER 2007 - PRESENT
Walnut Creek, California

General civil litigation defense practice with an emphasis on products, premises, and general liability and commercial litigation matters.

ASSOCIATE

Bingham McCutchen

OCTOBER 2003 - OCTOBER 2007
Walnut Creek, California
San Francisco, California

General civil litigation defense practice with an emphasis on representation of corporate clients, including major financial institutions, in business litigation and contract matters, including breach of contract, unfair competition, and class actions. Advised clients regarding land use entitlements and performed due diligence for private entities.

LEGAL EXTERN

California Supreme Court

FALL 2002

Legal extern for California Supreme Court Justice Joyce Kennard during fall semester of 2002. Responsibilities included analysis of cases for potential review and summary of cases at weekly staff meetings, legal research, editing and cite checking draft opinions, and preparing first drafts of opinion.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California; American Bar Association; Contra Costa County Bar Association; Association of Defense Counsel, Northern California.

PUBLICATIONS

To Offer or Not to Offer - That is the Question: Considerations In Making A C.C.P. § 998 Offer of Compromise, ADC Defense Comment, Summer 2009

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, MAGNA CUM LAUDE
University of San Francisco School of Law

May 2003
San Francisco, California

McAuliffe Honor Society; University of San Francisco Law Review, Senior Staff Member; USF Maritime Law Journal, Survey Writer; CALI Award recipient in Criminal Law, Contracts II, Legal Research, Writing and Analysis II, Remedies, and Corporations; Dean Scholarship and Faculty Scholarship recipient.

Admitted to California Bar, November 2003

Admitted to United States District Court
Northern District of California, March 2004
Eastern District of California, October 2005

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY, CUM LAUDE
Pepperdine University
Golden Key National Honor Society

August 1997
Malibu, California

PERSONAL

Married, two sons. Enjoys playing with sons, reading, and skiing. Lived in Australia for two years.