



BUYNAK LAW FIRM

Maria C. DeSousa

Through her northern California associations and contacts, especially in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley, Maria DeSousa's law practice concentrates on business, estate and tax planning. She has worked with businesses, corporations, associations, individuals and especially with families that have multiple businesses and startups. Whether it is a business formation, estate and trust planning or helping just working through the legalities that most businesses and individuals face, she is dedicated and passionate about helping her clients achieve their goals and succeed.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Alameda County Bar Association
- Sacramento County Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association
- Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
- California State Department of Public Health

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Business and Professional Women, Berkeley, President
- International Relations, Business and Professional Women, District Chair
- Special Project Committee Atchison Village, Chair

EDUCATION

- Lincoln Law School of Sacramento, J.D.
- University of San Francisco, MPA
- California State University Sacramento, Biology/minor Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ÉWorking with individuals and groups in dynamic situations, including startups, corporations, businesses, non-profits and associations, to develop and implement strategic plans and then, to follow through with the legal requirements necessary for implementation

ÉForming associations, corporations, non-profits and limited liability companies to allow individuals to develop their business

ÉAssisting with the legal requirements and governance of entities, companies, associations and organizations so that their goals are legally implemented

ÉParticipation in litigation and appeals, including all briefing, motions, argument and trial, along with judgment debtor workouts

ÉCommunity event development and fund raising activities; Board participation; mediations and negotiations for resolution among association members

ÉFluency in Farsi (Persian) speaks Hindi/Urdu and Konkani; easily works within the Indo-American and Persian communities and cultures.