

Danielle Drossel, Partner, AWI-CH

Professional Bio

Danielle's practice concentrates on advancing peaceful workplaces, where organizations and employees can thrive. She is called upon by public and private entities for thorough investigations into claims of misconduct and to provide employee training on a range of workplace topics. In addition to delivering high-quality neutral services to public and private entities across the state, she leverages her expertise to educate business and legal industry audiences on issues impacting workplace dynamics, such as managing multigenerational workforces, microaggressions, and situations that might involve competing legal standards. Her insights have been featured in *The Recorder* and *ACC Docket*, two widely recognized legal trade publications, and in outlets with more general business audiences, including the *North Bay Business Journal*. She was also tapped as a panelist to present at the *League of California Cities City Attorneys Annual Conference*, an event designed to help equip city government leaders with tools and resources to advance their communities.

Prior to joining OIG, Danielle spent a decade representing local government agencies and providing legal advice on a wide range of matters. Her diverse clientele of government employees and elected officials included social workers, county boards of supervisors, law enforcement personnel, county planning commissions, public defender attorneys, and land-use planners.

Danielle started her career in private practice, defending Los Angeles County in civil rights and employment cases, before moving to county counsel positions at Los Angeles County and later Santa Barbara County. She defended public entities and public officials in federal and state court, including claims arising under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, California Family Rights Act, and Family and Medical Leave Act.