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JERRILYN MALANA is Chief Deputy for Employment/Special Advisor at the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, where she advises on employment matters and civil issues. Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office in April 2016, Jerri spent over 16 years as an employment law attorney and Shareholder with the global employment law firm of Littler Mendelson, P.C. At Littler, she represented Fortune 500 clients and local businesses in all types of employment-related litigation involving claims of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and wage & hour violations. Jerri also provided counseling and training to employers to avoid employment-related claims. She is a former co-Chair of Littler's national Diversity & Inclusion Council.

Jerri is a dynamic public speaker, and an effective and engaging trainer on employment law topics. Jerri also provides training on diversity and inclusion matters including the elimination of bias. In 2009, Jerri served as President of the San Diego County Bar Association, which is the region's oldest and largest law-related organization with over 10,000 members. Jerri is the current President of the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Alumni Association, which represents the interests of over 170,000 alumni around the globe. She also serves as a Trustee on the UCSD Foundation.

Jerri was recognized on the list of *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2013 to 2016. She was recognized as a *Super Lawyer* for Employment & Labor Law each year from 2009 to 2016. She was named as one of the *Best of the Bar* by the San Diego Business Journal in 2015. Jerri was also named a Top Attorney in Labor & Employment Law in 2011 & 2012 by the San Diego Daily Transcript newspaper. Over the course of her career, Jerri has consistently exhibited outstanding leadership, professional achievement, and unwavering commitment to the community. Jerri devotes a significant portion of her volunteer time on community and civic matters, and mentoring students and young professionals to help them to succeed.

Jerri has been recognized by multiple organizations for her work in the community including being named a *Trailblazer* by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Jerri received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from California Western School of Law in recognition for her service. Recently, Jerri received the *Community Legacy Award* from Pacific Arts Movement, and honored with a proclamation from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors designating November 7, 2015, as "*Jerrilyn Malana Day*" throughout the County.

Jerri is a founding Advisory Board member for the Academy of Law at Crawford High School in San Diego. She is also a member of the California Civic Learning Partnership for San Diego County, which seeks to improve civic learning in grades K to 12. She serves on the Board of the Alliance for HOPE International, which operates various programs to assist victims of family violence. Jerri serves on the Executive Committee of the Bench-Bar Coalition with the Judicial Council of California. Jerri is a Master with the American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter. She serves on the Bench/Bar committee of the San Diego County Bar Association, and coordinates community service activities. Jerri is the former Co-Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Employment & Labor Relations Law Committee for the Section of Litigation. She is a past President of Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, and past Board Member of several organizations including the San Diego Opera, Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC), Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego, and San Diego Asian Film Foundation. She previously served as a new graduate Trustee for California Western School of Law, and on its Alumni Board. She is a past member of the San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper Community Editorial Board. Jerri is a former member of the State Bar of California's Council on Access & Fairness, which is the Bar's "think tank" on diversity.

She has received additional accolades for her service including: *Service to Diversity Award*, San Diego County Bar Association (2011); *Outstanding Professional (TOP HAT) Award*, PhilAmBID (2011); American Bar Association, *Public Service Honor Roll Award*, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section and Law in Public Service Committee (2009-2010); *Community Leadership Award for Diversity*, South Asian Bar Association of San Diego (2010); *Legal Affairs Award*, Asian Heritage Society (2009); San Diego Business Journal *Women Who Mean Business Award* (2008); *Metro Movers to Watch in 2008*, San Diego Metropolitan Magazine; *bizSanDiego Magazine - 20 Most Influential Businesswomen in San Diego* (2008); *President's Award*, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (2008); *Trailblazer Award*, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2007); Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (2007); and State Bar of California *Wiley W. Manuel Award* for Pro Bono Legal Services (2005).

Jerri received a B.A. in Psychology from University of California San Diego (1986); M.B.A. from Chaminade University (1991); and J.D., *magna cum laude*, from California Western School of Law (1998). Prior to law, Jerri worked as a human resources professional.