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Diana L. Christian is the managing partner in the Bakersfield office of Borton Petrini, LLP. She received her Bachelor of Art's Degree in Political Science in 2001 from the University of Oregon. Upon graduation, she attended Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego. After her first year, Diana participated in a study abroad program at Hofstra University in Nice, France, with an emphasis in international law. While in San Diego, she was also a member of the San Diego Lawyers Club. Diana received her Juris Doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2004, graduating cum laude. She is admitted to practice in United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and United States District Court, Central District of California, and is a member of the California State Bar, Kern County Bar Association Women Lawyers Section and Secretary Board Member of the Family Law Section, Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce.

At the Firm, Diana's focus practice areas are family law, construction matters, insurance defense including major casualty, property damage, and premises liability. As a family law attorney, Diana represents clients in dissolution proceedings, child custody, child support, spousal support, property division, guardianships, and domestic violence restraining orders.

Diana has handled numerous complex multi-million dollar property damage claims including construction defect cases, railway derailment, and trucking accidents involving wrongful death claims. Her construction cases include workmanship, products liability, ensuing damage claims, contracts and personal injury litigation occurring during jobsite construction.

Diana has been actively defending general contractors, builders and industry leading developers for years and is the Insurance Specialist in Borton Petrini's construction defect defense team. In addition to handling day-to-day litigation matters, Diana currently specializes in dealing with top rated carriers such Zurich, Navigators, Everest, AIG, Travelers, Liberty Mutual, Financial Pacific, and Arch Specialty among many others that have provided our developer and general contractor clients with additional insured endorsements through their insured subcontractors. Additionally, she analyzes the types of endorsements issued under the insurance policies and disputes issues of fact related to denials of additional insured and named insured coverage in order to ensure the client is compensated for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in defending the case.

Diana's community service activities include volunteering her efforts toward children's charities, enjoys event planning and home improvement projects, and is a past member of the Bakersfield Active 20/30 Club. In her free time, Diana loves spending time with family, friends and clients and enjoys outdoor activities, sports, travel, and supporting the San Francisco 49ers and Oregon football.

Diana is married to Ben Christian and they have two children, Collins and Taj.

## Education:

- University of Oregon, B.A., 2001
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law, J.D., 2004

## Admitted:

- State Bar of California, 2005

## Business and Professional Associations:

- Kern County Bar Association, Women Lawyers Section
- Kern County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Secretary Board Member