



MAKALA FURSE

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Service Focus

- California Class Actions and PAGA
- Counseling and Advice
- Employment Discrimination and Harassment
- Litigation and Trials

OVERVIEW

Makala Furse defends employers and public entities in complex employment litigation throughout California, handling claims under FEHA, Title VII, the FLSA, and the California Labor Code in both state and federal courts. Her practice spans single-plaintiff actions, class actions, and representative claims involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, and wage and hour compliance.

Drawing on experience defending a diverse caseload across industries including transportation, construction, professional services, and public entities, Makala manages complex discovery, crafts litigation strategy, and advocates for clients in court. She conducts and defends depositions, drafts persuasive motions, and ensures clients are fully prepared and informed at every phase of their matter. Alongside her active litigation practice, Makala advises employers on compliance

with evolving California and federal employment laws, helping clients develop proactive risk management frameworks that anticipate change and reduce the likelihood of workplace disputes.

Before joining Fisher Phillips, Makala served as an associate at a regional law firm defending private businesses and public entities against claims under California and federal employment statutes. Earlier experience at national and mid-sized firms provided a broad foundation in litigation strategy and client service that continues to inform her practical, business-focused approach to employer representation across California.

Credentials

Education

- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
- University of California, Los Angeles, Master of Social Work
- Florida State University, B.S.W.

Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California