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Practice Areas	Health Care Native American Law Education and Charter Schools Public Agencies Litigation, Corporate and Commercial
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Professional Summary

Natalie Valdes Mueller represents hospitals, academic medical centers, health care systems, ambulatory surgery centers, and Native American health clinics in a broad range of quality oversight and governance matters. As part of her practice, Natalie regularly represents medical staffs with issues related to quality improvement, bylaws, policies and procedures, credentialing and privileging, regulatory agency investigations, peer review, and the fair hearing process. She also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law for the University of San Diego School of Law teaching a seminar course on Medical Malpractice.

Community

- State Bar of California
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
- California Association of Medical Staff Services (CAMSS)
- California Society of Healthcare Attorneys, Mentor
- Juvenile Court Book Club

Education

- JD, University of San Diego School of Law, 2013 (*San Diego International Law Journal* – Member and Senior Associate Editor)
- BA (History, minor in Philosophy), University of San Diego, *cum laude*, 2009

Seminars

- Presenter. “Medical Staff Investigations: How to Complete a Thorough Investigation That Will Hold Up In a Judicial Review Hearing,” CAMSS 48th Annual Education Forum, Los Angeles, CA, May 23, 2019.
- Presenter. “Credentialing Policies and Procedures: Annual Check-up,” CAMSS Managed Care Chapter, April 9, 2019.
- Presenter. “Bylaws: Annual Check-up,” CAMSS San Diego Chapter, January 24, 2019.
- Co-presenter, “2018 Legal Update: NPDB Reporting, Retaliation, Physician Well-Being and Medical Staff Litigation – Preparing for a Successful Judicial Review Hearing,” CAMSS Orange County and San Diego County Chapters 2018 Joint Education Conference, Oceanside, CA, February 23, 2018.
- Co-presenter, “Patient Safety, Peer Review and Credentialing – Navigating Sovereign Immunity and Balancing State and Federal Law in Your Quality Department,” 8th Annual Native American Healthcare Conference, Cabazon, CA, November 5-7, 2017.
- Co-Presenter, “Patient Safety, Peer Review and Credentialing – Navigating Sovereign Immunity and Balancing State and Federal Law in Your Quality Department, ”Seventh Annual Native American Healthcare Conference, November 14, 2016.
- Co-Presenter, “Physician Burnout: Approaches, Strategies, and Legal Implications,” ACC Health Law Roundtable, November 1, 2016.
- Co-presenter. “Managing the Multiple Layers of Physician Oversight,” SD CAMSS Chapter, UC San Diego Health, San Diego, CA, October 20, 2016.
- Co-presenter. “Confidentiality and Reporting Requirements for Physician Well-Being Committees,” CPPPH, San Diego, CA, May 7, 2016.
- Co-presenter. “Navigating Health and Safety Code Section 1278.5,” ACC-SD, San Diego, CA, August 26, 2015.



- Co-presenter. “Flu Vaccines - Legal & Practical Implications for Medical Staffs and Employees,” ACC Health Law Roundtable, San Diego, CA, June 17, 2015.

Publications

- Contributor to Procopio's Native American Law blog [Blogging Circle](#).
- Co-Author. “[Indian Health Service 2016 Annual California Tribal Consultation: 'Can You Hear Us Now?'](#)” *Blogging Circle, Sharing Ideas About Native American Legal Happenings*, March 16, 2016.
- Co-Author. “[Peering into the IHS Physician Review Requirement](#)” *Blogging Circle, Sharing Ideas About Native American Legal Happenings*, September 17, 2015.
- Contributor. “[Assessing Late Career Practitioners: Policies and Procedures for Age-based Screening](#),” California Public Protection and Physician Health, Inc., 2015.