

Julia Ma Powers

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ADLER & COLVIN, San Francisco, CA

Associate Attorney

February 2021 – Present

- Advised and provided legal services to nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, San Francisco, CA

Deputy City Attorney

November 2019 – November 2020

- Advised CleanPowerSF program in negotiating and executing solar power and battery storage procurement contracts.
- Analyzed legislation and collaborated with staff and consultants to advocate for City's interests.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco, CA

Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer Policy Advocate

September 2013 – November 2019

- Advocated for small businesses owned by low-income women and people of color at economic justice legal aid clinic.
- Researched and published policy report on small business displacement and coordinated with stakeholders.
- Led workshops and presentations for low-income small business owners on business law topics.

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, Oakland, CA

Staff Counsel

November 2017 – October 2019

- Facilitated the financing and development of over 70 nonprofit and public agency environmental projects statewide.
- Analyzed new legislation and advised staff on developing new state programs, including cap-and-trade funding for climate adaptation projects in underserved communities, and providing equitable coastal access for underserved communities.

CROWELL & MORING, LLP, San Francisco, CA

Associate Attorney

April 2014 – December 2016

- Led negotiations on, managed, drafted agreements for, and collaborated with stakeholders to complete corporate strategic partnerships, joint ventures, mergers, financings and restructurings on behalf of company clients.

GUNDERSON DETTMER STOUGH VILLENEUVE FRANKLIN & HACHIGIAN, LLP, Redwood City, CA

Associate Attorney

July 2012 – March 2014

- Advised entrepreneurs on all legal matters related to formation, funding, business expansion, and governance.

BAKER & MCKENZIE, Hong Kong, China; Beijing, China

Associate Attorney

Summer 2010; October 2011 – June 2012

- Mediated between Chinese counsel, government agencies, and local agents, and researched Chinese laws and regulations, to advocate for multinational clients in administrative and legal proceedings in China.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctor, 2011. Prosser Award. Presidential Management Fellow Finalist.

Activities: Executive Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE, Wellesley, MA

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, 2005. Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Economics. First Place, Three Generations Writing Competition.

Activities: Editor-in-Chief, *GenerAsians Magazine*. Co-Founder/President, *DisOrient* (women of color theater group).

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR, Beijing, China

October 2007 – August 2008

Researched legal aid cases and Chinese rule of law development at the Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Volunteering: Election Protection Voter Hotline. California Law Association Environmental Diversity and Equity Conference.

Interests: Member of Oakland-based hip hop dance company (2016 – Present).