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Dori Yob Kilmer serves as Lathrop GPM’s Chief of Legal Operations. She leads the firm’s Knowledge Management, Legal Recruiting and Practice Management teams. She is the former executive director of Hopkins Carley, which combined with Lathrop GPM in October 2024.

In her role as a litigator, Dori represents a wide range of clients in complex real estate, land use, and business litigation matters. She represents developers and property owners in disputes involving:

- Boundary and property lines
- Commercial landlord-tenant
- Easements
- Real estate investment fraud
- Real estate purchase and sale transactions

As a dedicated community leader, Dori is a past chair of the San Jose Planning Commission. She is a long-time member of the women’s volunteer organization, Junior League of San Jose, and served on the Board of Directors of Notre Dame High School. She is also a graduate of Community Leadership San Jose.

Dori earned her bachelor’s degree in justice studies and political science, graduating magna cum laude from Arizona State University, and subsequently obtained her law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law. While in law school, Dori served as a judicial extern to Hon. Jeremy Fogel in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Areas of Focus

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Credentials

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D.
- Arizona State University, B.A., Justice Studies and Political Science, magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- California (2003)

Court Admissions

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

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America® Land Use and Zoning Litigation, 2017 – Present
- Silicon Valley Business Journal “40 Under 40 Rising Star,” 2016
- 100 Most Influential Women in Silicon Valley, 2015
- Northern California Rising Star by Super Lawyers®, 2011-2015
- *The Recorder’s* California Million Dollar Verdicts, 2010

Accolades



Professional Activities

- San Jose Planning Commission, Past Chair
- Notre Dame High School, Governance Committee Member, Former Vice-Chair of Executive Committee
- Junior League of San Jose, Board of Directors; Nominating Chair, 2015; Fashion Show, Co-Chair, 2013; Outreach Vice-President, 2012; Trivia Challenge, Co-Chair, 2011
- William A. Ingram Inn of Court
- Thirty One Women
- SPUR, Former Board Member

Online Coverage

- San Francisco Examiner, [Yearslong Martins Beach battle appears headed for court — again](#) (5/16/2024)
- The Mirror US, [Silicon Valley billionaire losing bid to make beach private next to his 89-acre, \\$32.5 million home](#) (5/15/2024)
- MSN, [Billionaire fighting to keep public off beach loses bid to end lawsuit](#) (5/14/2024)
- Daily Mail, [Silicon Valley billionaire fighting to keep public off secluded beach after buying 89-acre coastal property for \\$32.5 million loses bid to end lawsuit](#) (5/14/2024)
- Local News Matters, [Battle over Martins Beach public access heads to court](#) (1/13/2020)
- InsideHook, [California Is Suing Billionaire Silicon Valley Venture Capitalist Over Beach Access](#) (1/9/2020)

- The Register, [We've had enough of your beach-blocking shenanigans, California tells stubborn Sun co-founder: Kiss our lawsuit](#) (1/9/2020)
- Coastside News
 - [California assures Martin's Beach is your beach](#) (1/8/2020, updated 8/13/2024)
 - [Supreme Court declines to take up Martin's Beach](#) (10/3/2018, updated 8/13/2024)
- CNN, [California is suing a Silicon Valley billionaire for blocking public access to a beach](#) (1/8/2020)
- The Washington Post, [A tech billionaire has fought for a decade to block access to a public beach. Now California is suing.](#) (1/8/2020)
- The Boston Globe, [California Joins Fight Against Tech Billionaire Over Access to a Popular Beach](#) (1/8/2020)
- Fox 40 News/CNN Wire, [California is suing a Silicon Valley billionaire for blocking public access to a beach](#) (1/7/2020)
- NBC Palm Springs, [California is suing a Silicon Valley billionaire for blocking public access to a beach](#) (1/7/2020)
- The Daily Journal, [Billionaire is sued over access to Martins Beach](#) (1/7/2020)
- CNBC, [California sues tech investor Vinod Khosla over beach access, reviving bitter legal battle](#) (1/6/2020)
- San Francisco Chronicle, [Court ruling on Martins Beach puts public access rights in doubt](#) (11/27/2019)
- The Mercury News, [Martins Beach: Court hands Silicon Valley billionaire win in public-access fight](#) (11/27/2019)
- Los Angeles Times eNewspaper
 - [Coastal access scores a win in a supreme battle](#)
 - [State sues billionaire in battle over beach access](#)
- The Almanac, [Woodside: Residents, officials want details on neighbor's construction](#) (10/12/2018)
- The New York Times, [Billionaire's Fight to Close Path to a California Beach Comes to a Dead End](#) (10/1/2018)
- ABC7 News San Francisco, [Supreme Court denies request to hear appeal over Martins Beach](#) (10/1/2018)
- Vanity Fair, [Vinod Khosla's Epic, Decade-Long Battle to Kick Surfers Off His Property Ends in Failure](#) (10/1/2018)
- Coastal Property Owners, [Supreme Court Won't Hear Case Over CA Beach Access](#) (10/1/2018)
- Supreme Court, [Martins Beach v. Surfrider Foundation – Reply Brief for Petitioners](#) (6/27/2018)
- Santa Cruz Sentinel, [Silicon Valley billionaire takes case to US Supreme Court](#) (2/22/2018)
- [Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax](#) (2017)
- CBS News, [Silicon Valley Billionaire Ordered To Open Martins Beach](#) (12/19/2017)

- The Press Democrat, [Coastal officials order tech billionaire to reopen Martins Beach near Half Moon Bay](#) (9/20/2017)
- CBS News, [Billionaire Ordered To Reopen Public Beach](#) (9/19/2017)