



ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Mommy Esq. Committee

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BULLIES AND MEAN GIRLS:

Protecting the Legal Rights of Your Child Online and at School

An OCBA Mommy Esquire Monthly Meeting

Mommy Esq. Committee Chairs: Dana Heyde and Ashley Peniche Montenegro

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

Registration/Networking: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Program: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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In today's age of social media and constant digital connection, bullying has taken new and alarming forms. This program will help parents and advocates understand how to identify the different types of bullying—including in-person bullying, cyberbullying, and image-based sexual assault—and how to take meaningful steps to protect children at school and online. Attendees will gain a deep understanding of the legal frameworks that govern bullying and student safety, including both civil rights and education laws. The program will explore federal, state, and local remedies available to students who experience bullying, including how to file complaints with the Department of Education, Office for

Civil Rights, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. The session will also address how severe bullying can trigger powerful additional legal protections under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Amanda Simmons is the founder of Ambika Law, PC, where she represents students and families in special education, school injury, and bullying matters, holding school districts accountable for the harm they cause. She teaches continuing legal education (CLE) programs nationwide and publishes regularly on abuses in residential treatment centers. Her advocacy has contributed to the passage of multiple state and federal laws protecting vulnerable youth. Amanda currently serves as a Presidential Fellow of the American Bar Association and was recently appointed as a Commissioner to the ABA's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Commission. She is also a proud member of the National Association of Women Judges Human Trafficking Committee.

Hosted lunch. Complimentary for Mommy Esq. Committee Members

\$15 for Non-Mommy Esq. Members, Active OCBA Attorney Members

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Registration deadline, Thursday, August 7, 2025.

Advanced registration is required. For assistance, please contact the OCBA at events@ocbar.org.