

Gomez Trial Attorneys Newsletter

Three GTA Clerks Graduate



Gomez Trial Attorneys congratulates Law Clerks [Carlie Meyer](#), [Kristen Barton](#) and [Victoria Lazar](#) on graduating from California Western School of Law in May.

"After three years of hard work, these incredible young ladies have accomplished what they set out to do," said [John Gomez](#). "All of us here at the firm are so proud of them."

Carlie Meyer joined GTA in 2012 as a Summer Law Clerk. Carlie has worked on several high-profile cases with the firm, and been a part of a number of six- and seven-figure settlements. In January 2014, Carlie played a vital role assisting John Gomez and [Ben Coughlan](#) in the Janis v. WD-40 trial, in which GTA recovered a \$1.67 million verdict for a young woman who had to undergo a cervical neck fusion after a low-speed automobile collision. As a full member of the trial team, Carlie joined John and Ben at counsel table, was in charge of all exhibits, drafted *in limine* motions, trial briefs, and helped develop the entire case theory.

"Carlie was as much a part of that trial team as any of us," said Coughlan. "I relied heavily on Carlie, not just for her work product, but also for her input and advice on all aspects of the case. She has earned that with me, and everyone else here at the firm. There is not a doubt in my mind that her passion for clients, her legal acumen and her ability to understand the big picture will make her an unbelievable trial lawyer."

Kristen Barton started with GTA's Mass Torts division in 2013. Kristen's natural ability and incredible work ethic were apparent immediately. She has worked on several Mass Tort cases including GranuFlo, Metal on Metal Hips, and InFuse bone graft cases. Most notably, Ms. Barton has taken a leading role in the Chariot Fire cases, representing over 100 families and the Al Bahr Shrine against the Bureau of Land Management, which is responsible for burning down 150 structures in Mt. Laguna.

"Kristen has been an integral member of the Complex Litigation practice group over the past year," said [John Fiske](#). "Her leading role in the wildfire cases has provided the attorneys the critical legal and factual research required to make the best claims possible."

Victoria Lazar started with GTA in 2013 as a Summer Law Clerk. Victoria has worked on a variety of cases with the firm from intake, to filing, to lien negotiation. Within Victoria's first two weeks of joining the firm, Victoria drafted a pre-filing demand that was so persuasive that Defendants offered to settle the case without litigation. From then on, we knew we had something special in Victoria.

"Victoria has been a great addition to our GTA family. As a clerk she has always been ready to help and eager to learn," said [Jessica Sizemore](#). "She consistently volunteers for projects to expand her skill set and knowledge base. I know I can rely on her to take on any challenge. She has an amazing attitude that will serve her well in continuing with GTA's mission of extraordinary service to our clients. I am thrilled to have her start her career with us. "



"Carlie, Kristen and Victoria never cease to amaze us here. We cannot wait for them to join us as Post-bar Clerks and then attorneys this fall," says Gomez.