APS members may know Victoria from her work as a past Chair with APS, or as the Vice President of the San Diego Appellate Inn of Court.

Victoria was raised in San Diego. She went to UC San Diego for her undergraduate degree in literature, which required a minor in another language. She enjoyed it so much that ended up majoring in Spanish Literature! UC San Diego also played a role in her future work as an attorney. She wanted to graduate early and she picked one of the few classes available that quarter: civil rights. That class was so inspiring she decided to apply to law school. Before attending USD Law School, she took a couple years off to live in Mammoth with friends. She went snowboarding every day. She not only went boarding down the mountain—she did tricks on the rail slides! She still snowboards, but now she surfs every day in San Diego.

Victoria first dabbled in appellate law working as an extern for Justice Benke, and as a clerk at the Attorney General's criminal division. She next wanted to experience some of the faster pace of trial work so she did litigation work for a few years. She returned to appellate work exclusively about 14 years ago. She finds appeals rewarding because she plays a part in how the law is developed. Presently, she is a partner at the boutique appellate firm Niddrie Addams Fuller Singh. She is also the mother of two teenagers—laudable work in itself!

Her most memorable moment as an attorney is when she volunteered for Casa Cornelia Law Center while assisting a transgender applicant from Mexico seeking political asylum. She recalls the day of the hearing when other cases before hers lost, which emphasized the incredible significance of her win.

Be sure to say “hi” to Victoria at the next APS meeting or event!