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Jerrilyn Malana '86

When UC San Diego rediscovered alumna Jerrilyn Malana several years ago, the campus found a willing representative of the caliber of graduate that the university produces. Jerri is an achiever, and better still, she counts her volunteer work with UC San Diego among her favorite achievements.

Jerri served as President of the UC San Diego Alumni Association from 2014 – 2016. Aside from her duties as President, much of her volunteer work on campus was focused on helping students with professional development matters. In fact, she helped to create the Alumni Legal Professionals Network, and has mentored many students interested in careers in the law.

As a proud graduate of Marshall College, Jerri continues to give back to the campus. She also serves on the Alumni Council for the Office of Academic Support & Instructional Services (OASIS). “I was a Summer Bridge student, which is run by OASIS,” Jerri says. “Summer Bridge is an amazing pre-college transition program that helped prepare me for the rigors of university-level academics and life as a UCSD student. My participation in Summer Bridge and the curriculum at Marshall College helped to shape my core values, especially my interest and passion in diversity and inclusion matters.” Notably, Jerri is the first person of color to serve as President of the Alumni Association.

Jerri is Chief Deputy for Employment/Special Advisor at the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office, where she advises on employment matters and civil issues. Prior to joining the District Attorney’s Office in April 2016, Jerri spent more than 16 years as an employment law attorney and Shareholder with the global employment law firm of Littler Mendelson, P.C. At Littler, she represented Fortune 500 clients and local businesses in all types of employment-related litigation involving claims of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and wage & hour violations. Jerri also provided counseling and training to employers to avoid employment-related claims. She is a former Co-Chair of Littler’s national Diversity & Inclusion Council.

She is a dynamic public speaker and an effective and engaging trainer on employment law topics. In 2009, she served as President of the San Diego County Bar Association, and was the first Asian Pacific American to lead the Bar in its 100+ year history.

Jerri was recognized on the list of “The Best Lawyers in America” for 2013 and 2014. She was recognized as one of the Top 50 Attorneys in San Diego by *Super Lawyers* magazine in 2013 and 2014, and as a Super Lawyer for Employment and Labor Law each year from 2009

to 2014. Jerri was also named a Top Attorney in Labor and Employment Law in 2011 and 2012 by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*.

In addition to her volunteer work with UC San Diego, Jerri currently serves on the Board of the National Family Justice Center Alliance, which provides technical assistance to help victims of domestic violence. She is a founding advisory board member for the Academy of Law at Crawford High School. She is a Master with the American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter. Jerri serves on the San Diego County Bar Association's Bench/Bar committee and Community Service committee. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Asian Business Association. Jerri has held several leadership positions in the community, and has been recognized by multiple organizations for her work, including being named a "Trailblazer" by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She serves on Littler's national Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Jerri earned a BA in Psychology from UC San Diego in 1986. She received an MBA from Chaminade University (1991); and received a JD, *magna cum laude* (1998), and LLD, *honoris causa*, from California Western School of Law (2010). Prior to law, Jerri worked as a human resources professional.

"I have the honor and privilege of serving as a Trustee on the Foundation Board in my role as Immediate Past President of the UC San Diego Alumni Association. I am proud to serve in this dual capacity and advocate for our 160,000 alumni around the world."