

## **Sandra Diaz**

Attorney at Law

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Sandra Diaz, associate attorney at the **California Elder Law Center** in Lakewood, California, is dedicated to helping seniors get the quality of care they deserve. The California Elder Law Center has developed a strategy that protects seniors, starting in their homes and following them along the "continuum of care." The strategy guides families as they move through the complex maze of long term care benefits. As associate attorney, Ms. Diaz specializes in helping seniors qualify for Medi-Cal long term care benefits as well as VA long term care benefits, while ensuring the top quality care for the senior does not economically burden the family.

Ms. Diaz received her B.A. in Philosophy from Cal State Fullerton and her J.D. from Chapman University School of Law in 2006. While at Chapman University, she was a Student Ambassador, founding member of the Animal Law Society, member of the International Law Students Association, and a Phi Delta Phi.

Ms. Diaz was admitted into the California Bar in November 2006. She is member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), the Long Beach Bar Association, Los Angeles Bar Association, Orange County Bar association, Newport Harbor Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Long Beach and the Southeast District Bar Association. She is the current Treasurer for the Southern California Chapter of NAELA and is on the Advisory Committee for the Alona Cortese Elder Law Center at Chapman University.

Ms. Diaz is also a passionate animal rights advocate. Since her employment with the California Elder Law Center, she has expanded the practice to provide Companion Animal Trusts for her clients.

Originally from Southern California, Ms. Diaz served six years in the United States Marine Corps. She is currently accredited by the VA and works with veterans and their families to help them qualify for VA benefits.