

**Crystal A. Zarpas** has been a licensed attorney since 1982 and is a member of the State Bars of California and Texas. As a business transactional attorney, her practice focuses on representing clients in connection with corporate and commercial business transactions, intellectual property matters, and real estate transactions.

Ms. Zarpas' diverse client base includes legal entities and entrepreneurs engaged in industries across the board, including the technology, food and beverage, manufacturing, cosmetics, shoe, apparel, and fashion industries, with a particular emphasis on business start-ups. In addition, as an integral part of Ms. Zarpas' practice in the apparel industry, her client base includes manufacturers, designers, showrooms, textile companies, and retailers.

With a wealth of experience in corporate and business transactions, including entity formation and general corporate and commercial business transactions, Ms. Zarpas is a seasoned professional. Her role as General Counsel to countless companies over the span of her career has honed her skills in drafting, analyzing, and negotiating diverse business agreements, as well as handling commercial loan and factoring transactions.

Ms. Zarpas' practice in intellectual property law involves aiding clients with domestic and international brand development strategies, brand protection and policing programs, anti-piracy, anti-counterfeiting, and anti-cybersquatting efforts, as well as negotiating and drafting licensing and distribution agreements.

With extensive experience in real estate law, Ms. Zarpas represents clients in both commercial and residential real estate transactions, including purchase and sale agreements, as well as commercial and industrial leasing transactions. Additionally, she has provided legal counsel to real estate brokers and has experience representing clients in zoning and title matters.

Ms. Zarpas has an impressive track record in the business and apparel communities. She has served as the past President of both the Los Angeles-based Textile Professionals Club and the City of Hope Apparel Industries Group. For over twenty years, Ms. Zarpas was a Board Member of the California Fashion Association, a non-profit organization focusing on domestic manufacturing and offshore sourcing. She has also been the West Coast consultant for the New York publication "The Fashion Manuscript." She has been consulted regularly by well-regarded publications, including the California Apparel News, the Los Angeles Times, the San Fernando Business Journal, and LA Weekly, regarding current business law and intellectual property issues.

Throughout her legal career, Ms. Zarpas has been an in-demand speaker. She has delivered lectures on business law and intellectual property-related legal issues as a guest speaker at various venues, including the University of Southern California (USC), California State University at Northridge (CSUN), the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM), Otis School of Fashion Design, MAGIC Las Vegas and seminars sponsored by the California Fashion Association. Additionally, she has participated in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Counterfeiting and Piracy Awareness Conference.

Ms. Zarpas' leadership extends beyond her legal career. Over the past several years, she has served the Hill Country Region Porsche Club of America (HCR) in various roles, including Standing Committee Social Chair, Member of the Board of Directors, Member-at-Large of the Executive Council, and Vice President. Her dedication and leadership are evident in her latest goal to succeed the outgoing HCR President for the 2025-2026 term.