



**Kristine Custodio Suero, ACP
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEI) Chair**

Kristine Custodio Suero is an award-winning legal professional and a highly sought-after speaker in her profession, inspiring legal professionals to achieve authentic, purpose-driven careers and lives. A true servant leader, she has led the San Diego Paralegal Association and California Alliance of Paralegal Associations as President.

Kristine has a BA in human development from California State University at Long Beach. She completed her paralegal studies at UCSD in 2004 and became a Certified Paralegal (CP) in 2006. She has received Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) designations in Discovery, Trial Practice, and e-Discovery. In 2006, she obtained her Human Resource Management certificate from UCSD. Kristine completed the 2021 International Leadership Association Leadership Education Academy. In 2023, Kristine earned her Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace certificate from the University of South Florida. She is a Senior Paralegal/Business Development Director for Butterfield Schechter LLP, specializing in ERISA/employee benefits law, business law, and civil litigation.

Kristine is also a member of the University of San Diego School of Law Paralegal Program's Advisory Board and an adjunct faculty member. Kristine serves as the NALA Liaison for the San Diego Paralegal Association, where she is a Past President. She also serves as the Board Advisor Emeritus and Past President of the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations. She is the Chair of the NALA Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. In 2019, Kristine served as the Ethics Chair on NALA's Professional Development Committee. In 2020, Kristine was selected as the California Paralegal of the Year through the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations. In 2021, Kristine was appointed to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee. In 2022, Kristine was recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World under the Builders category by the Filipina Women's Network. In 2023, Kristine was recognized in the *San Diego Business Journal* under Women of Influence in Law and HR & Diversity Professionals of the Year.

Kristine served as the past Chair of the City of San Diego Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission. She now serves as a Commissioner for the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

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