

Tamara McDonald

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Since 2015, Tamara McDonald has served as the Leadership Specialist for the California Labor Commissioner's office. Tamara's role is to impart a vision of leadership throughout the Division during a period of immense transformation within the agency. Since Governor Brown's election and the appointment of Julie A. Su as Labor Commissioner, the agency has emphasized a mission-driven focus and instituted policies that effectively combat wage theft and retaliation. Tamara has brought unprecedented expertise to aligning the internal functions of the Division with our external mission. She also has responsibility for administrative functions across the Division.

Prior to this role, Tamara was an adjunct professor at Citrus College and head women's basketball coach. Tamara has the combination of vision, teaching ability, analytical powers, and familiarity with mission-driven organizations and the challenges of aligning day-to-day activities and management performance with that mission to help organizations and individuals reach their potential.

Tamara also manages a club basketball program for girls in grades 3rd through 8th. Before that, she attended Pepperdine University on a full athletic scholarship where she was named West Coast Conference Player of the Year, played basketball professionally in Germany, started an after school program for special needs children, and received her Masters in Athletic Administration from Concordia University.