We know it’s hard to leave the family behind when you’re on a business trip, so why not bring them along? The ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law will head to the Hilton San Francisco Union Square from November 7-10, 2018 for its 12th Annual Conference. The LEL Member Services Committee has done the research to find the top attractions so that you can simply book your travel and relax!

**Near the Hotel**

**Union Square:** Union Square is a bustling hub for San Francisco Shopping. You can catch the **Cable Car at the Powell St. turnaround** and ride around San Francisco in style, or you can walk around Union Square shopping and explore nearby Chinatown. The Neiman Marcus department store serves tea under its iconic stained-glass dome for a fancy excursion with the little ones, or you can stop in the vast **Disney Store** across the street. Jump on BART at the Powell St. Station to explore destinations further afield. Take BART to the Downtown Berkeley stop (Richmond Line), walk a few blocks to visit the beautiful UC Berkeley Campus, take BART to the 19th Street Oakland stop (Richmond or Pittsburgh lines) to explore Uptown Oakland and Lake Merritt (including **Children's Fairyland**), or take it a few stops to explore the Mission District or the Embarcadero and Ferry Plaza. Resources: [www.sfcablecar.com/](http://www.sfcablecar.com/); [www.bart.gov/](http://www.bart.gov/); [www.sanfranciscochinate.com/](http://www.sanfranciscochinate.com/); [www.opentable.com/the-rotunda-at-neiman-marcus;](http://www.opentable.com/the-rotunda-at-neiman-marcus; unionsquareshop.com/stores/disney-store.html); [visit.berkeley.edu/](http://visit.berkeley.edu/); [www.visitoakland.com/things-to-do/neighborhoods/uptown/](http://www.visitoakland.com/things-to-do/neighborhoods/uptown/); [fairyland.org/](http://fairyland.org/)
San Francisco Attractions

1. **Academy of Sciences:** Located in beautiful Golden Gate Park, the Academy of Sciences is a wonderful natural history museum with an aquarium, rainforest (with free-flying tropical butterflies!), and planetarium. Don’t forget to check out the living roof! [www.calacademy.org/](http://www.calacademy.org/)

2. **DeYoung Museum:** Directly opposite the Academy of Sciences is the de Young museum. The collection is amazing, and the kids will enjoy 360-degree views of the city from the Observation Tower. [https://deyoung.famsf.org/](https://deyoung.famsf.org/)

3. **Lombard Street:** Kids and adults alike will get a kick out of walking or driving up and down the world’s “crookedest” street, Lombard Street.
4. **Golden Gate Bridge:** Walk or bike across the Golden Gate Bridge for an unforgettable experience. Enjoy views of San Francisco and the East Bay on one side and the vast Pacific Ocean on the other. [http://goldengatebridge.org/bikesbridge/bikes.php](http://goldengatebridge.org/bikesbridge/bikes.php)

5. **The Walt Disney Family Museum:** Older kids will enjoy the history of Disney on display at this museum, located in the beautiful Presidio. [https://waltdisney.org/](https://waltdisney.org/)

6. **The Exploratorium:** This beloved interactive science museum is filled with exhibits and activities that the whole family can enjoy. Located on the Embarcadero, you’ll also find plenty to eat and explore nearby. [www.exploratorium.edu/visit](http://www.exploratorium.edu/visit)

7. **The Children’s Creativity Museum and More at Yerba Buena Gardens:** Good for kids ages 2-12, this museum offers a hands-on creative experience that will inspire kids and their families to collaborate and create together. The museum also runs the historic LeRoy King Carousel, a San Francisco family-favorite. In addition, Yerba Buena Gardens has a year-round bowling and ice-skating center. [https://yerbabuenagardens.com/features/](https://yerbabuenagardens.com/features/)

8. **Ghirardelli Square:** This Bay Area landmark is filled with shops, attractions and eats that families will love. Visit the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory for its famous sundaes and treats, or play a few rounds of mini golf at Subpar Indoor Mini-Golf. [www.ghirardellisq.com/](http://www.ghirardellisq.com/)
9. **Museum of the African Diaspora**: This museum celebrates the art and culture of the African Diaspora. Check out their family programs page for a full list of children-friendly offerings. [www.moadsf.org/learn/family-programs/](http://www.moadsf.org/learn/family-programs/)

10. **Asian Art Museum**: This museum showcases the diverse art and culture of Asia. The museum offers family-specific programming for kids to get the most out of its exhibits. [www.asianart.org/about/about](http://www.asianart.org/about/about)

11. **Pier 39 and Aquarium of the Bay**: There’s no shortage of attractions and sights to enjoy at the historic Pier 39 on the San Francisco waterfront. Nearby, don’t miss the Aquarium of the Bay, where kids can explore marine life through the Aquarium’s animal collections, exhibits, and touch pools. [www.aquariumofthebay.org/plan-a-visit/](http://www.aquariumofthebay.org/plan-a-visit/)

12. **San Francisco Museum of Ice Cream**: The name says it all – and the pictures you’ll get will be frame-worthy! Tickets sell out in advance, so book well ahead of time to have a chance at visiting this delectable delight. [www.museumoficecream.com/san-francisco/](http://www.museumoficecream.com/san-francisco/) 1 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94108. Open Monday-Sunday (closed on Tuesdays) 10:30-8:30. $38 for adults, kids under 2 are free. Payment by credit card only.
Dining with Kids

1. **Ferry Plaza**: Located on the Embarcadero, Ferry Plaza’s many gourmet eateries will please all palates. For hamburgers, try Gotts; for “fancy” mac ‘n cheese, Cowgirl Creamery has delicious cheese; for amazing Mexican fare, look no further than Mijita; for ice cream, Humphrey Slocombe; and for unbeatable pastries, go to Frog Hollow Farm. www.ferrybuildingmarketplace.com/merchants/

2. If you don’t want to wander too far from your hotel, there is a bustling **Cheesecake Factory** on top of the Macy’s at Union Square with nice views. locations.thecheesecakefactory.com/ca/san-francisco-34.html

3. **Mac’d**: At this spot in the Marina, kids can customize their macaroni and cheese with a variety of sauces, toppings and mix-ins. https://getmacd.com/

4. **Tacolicious**: A wide selection of tacos and other Mexican cuisine served up in a kid-friendly space. www.tacolicious.com/

5. **Foreign Cinema**: For a more upscale brunch or dinner, check out foreign cinema. Kids will love the movies projected on the outdoor screen. The restaurant offers a three-course kids menu and provides a coloring book and crayons to keep them occupied. www.foreigncinema.com/