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EDUCATION

- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., *cum laude*, 2009)

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* 2021, 2022
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
C. Hugh Friedman New Lawyer Award 2019
- *San Diego Business Journal*:
"Women of Influence in Law" 2021, 2022
"Leaders in Law" 2020
- *San Diego Metro Magazine*
"Top Attorneys" 2022
- *San Diego Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
2019-2022

PUBLICATIONS

- Shannon Finley, "Top 5 Litigation Trends Relating to Remote Workers," *California Employers Association Newsletter* (June, 2021)
- Shannon Finley, "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination: A Landmark Case Explanation and Best Practices for Compliance," *Employment Practices Liability Consultant (EPLiC)* (Summer, 2020)

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SHANNON R. FINLEY, ESQ. *Shareholder*

Shannon R. Finley focuses her practice on employment law, representing California employers in disputes ranging from single plaintiff wrongful termination cases to complex class actions, and everything in between. In addition to defending employers in litigation, she provides guidance to employers, advising on best practices to avoid lawsuits before they arise. Ms. Finley is also a speaker and author on issues including best hiring practices, wage and hour law, discrimination, leaves of absence, and social media.

Shannon obtained her *Juris Doctor* from the University of San Diego School of Law. While attending law school, Shannon served as an extern for the Honorable Peter C. Lewis, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, and also for the California Attorney General's Office in the Employment and Administrative Mandate Section. Upon graduation, Shannon worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Dee D. Drell, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (2013-2014). Before law school, Shannon attended the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating *cum laude*, where she earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in History and in Classical Civilizations.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Employment & Labor
- Retail

AFFILIATIONS

- American Inns of Court, J. Clifford Wallace Chapter: Associate (2015-present), Team Leader (2019-2021)
- California Women Lawyers: Affiliate Governor (2019-2021), Programming Chair (Sep 2020-Sep 2021), CWL at Home Webinar Series Co-chair (Mar 2020-Sep 2020)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Lawyers Club of San Diego: President (present), Board of Directors (2019-present), Vice President of Policy & Membership (2021-2022), Annual Dinner Co-chair (2020-2021), Membership Development Co-chair (2019-2020), Women's Advocacy Committee Co-chair (2018-2019), Law School Outreach Committee Co-chair (2016-2018)
- San Diego County Bar Association: Leadership Academy (2022); Executive Committee - Labor & Employment Law Section Chair (2022), Vice Chair (Jan 2020-Dec 2021); Member at Large (Jan 2018-Dec 2019)
- San Diego Defense Lawyers
- San Diego Society for Human Resource Management
- State Bar of California

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Association of Corporate Counsel MCLE Program, "Litigation Trends: Navigating Wage & Hour Issues" (2021)
- San Diego Business Summit Panelist, "Top New Employment Laws in 2021" (2021)
- California Employers Association Webinar, "2020 Wage and Hour Update" (2020)
- California Women Lawyers at Home Webinar, "Litigation Tips During a Pandemic" (2020)
- Business & Legal Resources, Inc., "Travel Time, On-call, and Training Pay: How to Comply with FLSA Rule for Overtime-eligible Employees" (2020)