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Shannon practices primarily in the areas of employment defense and commercial litigation. Licensed in both Nevada and California, she has nearly 20 years of experience litigating on behalf of management concerning claims of employment discrimination, wrongful termination, leaves of absence, and other traditional employment and commercial litigation.

On the cutting edge of both technology and the changing business culture, Shannon enjoys the creative process of partnering with clients, helping them comply with employment regulations and maintaining positive workplace environments. She helps her clients develop comprehensive strategies for preventing and defending claims filed by employees.

Shannon is also known for representing international technology companies in offensive and defensive litigation concerning employee mobility, predatory workforce raiding and trade secret misappropriation. Her unique knowledge of computer forensics enables her to assist

management in quickly identifying and addressing corporate data theft by employees.

# EDUCATION

J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law

B.S., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Order of the Coif

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Aviation, Aerospace and Autonomous Systems Litigation

Employment & Labor Business Litigation

# AWARDS AND HONORS

*Best Lawyers in America®,* Employment Law – Management, 2025 “Legal Elite,” *Nevada Business Magazine,* 2016-2020

*Benchmark Litigation*, Under 40 Hot list, 2018 Witkin Award, Employment Law

# ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

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# PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Executive Committee, Litigation Section, State Bar of Nevada Member, State Bar of Nevada

Member, State Bar of California

Member, Washoe County Bar Association

# ADMISSIONS

California Nevada

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit