

SHAWNDA M. GRADY

PROFESSIONAL:

Attorney: Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan LLP, Sacramento, CA (2016-present)

Specializes in water rights and related areas of natural resources law, including all aspects of surface and groundwater rights and state and federal laws relating to the use and management of water resources.

Attorney: Blank Rome, LLP, New York, NY and Los Angeles, CA (2008 - 2016)

Practice focused on complex commercial, class action, and consumer financial litigation. Advised and represented clients in matters involving contract disputes, statutory and regulatory compliance, privacy, fraud, unfair competition, business torts, consumer class actions, and environmental, employment, and white collar claims. Represented clients in all phases of civil litigation, including pre-trial, trial, and appellate proceedings, and conducted internal investigations and advised clients on compliance issues.

Law Clerk: Hon. Stanley R. Chesler, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, Newark, NJ (2007 – 2008)

Researched and prepared draft opinions and bench memoranda addressing a diverse array of issues arising under federal and state civil and criminal law; managed active motion calendar.

Attorney: McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Newark, NJ (2006-2007)

Practice focused on labor and employment litigation. Advised and represented clients in the defense of claims arising under state and federal law, including the defense of nation-wide class action matters. Represented clients in all phases of civil litigation and conducted internal investigations and advised clients on compliance issues.

Law Clerk: Hon. Steven L. Lefelt, New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, Trenton, NJ (2005-2006)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

California; New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;
United States District Courts for the: Northern, Southern, Central and Eastern Districts
of California, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and New Jersey

EDUCATION:

J.D. Rutgers School of Law, Camden (2005)

B.S. University of California, Davis (1998)