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Shayda Le advises employers, management, and higher education institutions on a wide range of employment issues and litigation, including trade secrets, noncompetition agreements, wrongful termination, discrimination, policy review, workplace investigations, Title IX, and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Shayda counsels clients with the aim of providing efficient and proactive solutions, and carries that approach into litigating claims to resolution. She has successfully represented clients before Circuit and District Courts through all stages of employment litigation, including depositions, oral argument, mediation, and trial. She uses her advocacy skills to argue on behalf of clients before judges and administrative agencies. In addition, Shayda regularly provides trainings on compliance and changing legislation. She recognizes that legal advice should be tailored to work hand-in-hand with the business goals and

needs of each individual employer, and should suit their particular workplace. As a result, she strives to get to know her clients and their businesses.

Shayda is also actively engaged with the broader community. She has served as an adjunct professor for graduate classes at Lewis and Clark College. She is President-Elect of the Multnomah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, and also serves as the Board's Delegate to the American Bar Association. She is active with the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, serving as the District Representative for Oregon and Washington, and as Vice-Chair of the Labor and Employment Committee. As part of her commitment to justice and equity, Shayda is also a Co-Chair of the Campaign for Equal Justice, which is the fundraising arm for Legal Aid Services of Oregon. She is a proud member of the Andisheh Center for Iranian cultural heritage and is currently President of its Board of Directors. Shayda has been listed as a "Rising Star" by Oregon Super Lawyers Magazine since 2014, and was awarded by the American Bar Association as an On the Rise—Top 40 Young Lawyer in 2017.

Shayda earned her B.S. at Portland State University, and her J.D. at Boston University School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Oregon, the U.S. District of Oregon, and Massachusetts.

### **Areas of Practice**

Employment Law Advice & Litigation

Handbooks

Higher Education

Non-Competition Agreements and Departing Employee Disputes

On-Site Employment Law Training

Pay Equity

Social Media

Title IX Compliance Advice and Training

**Areas of Practice (continued)**

Trade Secrets

Workplace Investigations

**Representative Matters**

Counsel for the State of Oregon: Represent the former Governor and other State Officials in highly-publicized employment retaliation lawsuit.

Counsel for Public University: Represent University in high-profile whistleblower retaliation and employment discrimination suit; obtained favorable settlement through multi-day mediation.

Counsel for International Sportswear Brand: Defend against invasive discovery and depositions in suit for misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, and business tort litigation.

Counsel for Private University: Represent University in response to student complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights.

Counsel for National Software Developer: Policy development and advice regarding complying with Federal requirements.

Counsel for Private College: Represent College in high-profile Title IX case by former student; direct and conduct complex and voluminous E-Discovery.

Counsel for Oregon Law Firm: Former employee breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Counsel for Private Business: Advice on employee termination; represent client in subsequent mediation; negotiate severance and settlement.

**Honors**

American Bar Association: On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyer (2017)

American Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division Minority in the Profession Scholarship Recipient (2016)

*Oregon Super Lawyers* Magazine: Rising Star (2014-present)

Multnomah Bar Association: Young Lawyers Section Award of Merit (2014)

**Professional Experience & Affiliations**

Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section: Board of Directors, President-Elect (2017-present); Board of Directors, Secretary (2016-2017); Board of Directors, Board Member (2015-present); Board of Directors Delegate to the ABA Young Lawyers Division (2016-present); Entrepreneur Committee, Chair (2014-2015); Membership Committee, Member (2013-2015); Member (2013-present)

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division: District Representative, Oregon and Washington (2016-present); Scholar (2016-2017); Bankruptcy Committee, Member (2016-present); Labor and Employment Committee, Vice Chair (2016-present); Member Services Project Team, Member (2016-present); Oregon Delegate (2016-present); Member (2014-present)

Campaign for Equal Justice: Associates Committee, Co-Chair (2016-present); Associates Committee, Member (2013-present)

Northwest Association of Title IX Administrators: Member (2015-present)

American Bar Association: Member (2014-present)

Oregon Women Lawyers: Member (2014-present)

Women in Insurance and Financial Services: Programs Committee (2015-2017); Member (2015-present)

**Professional Experience & Affiliations (continued)**

The City Club of Portland: Member (2014)

OWLS Rainmaking Mentoring Program: Member (2014)

**Civic Activities**

Andisheh Center: Board of Directors, President (2017-present); Board of Directors, Member (2015-present); Public Relations Committee, Chair (2015-present); Member (2014-present)

Wills for Heroes: Coordinator (November 2013); Volunteer Attorney (October 2013)

Legal Aid Services of Oregon: Tax Clinic: In-House Volunteer Attorney (2012-2013)

**Representative Presentations**

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Webinar: “30 Tips in 30 Minutes – LSAT Prep,” Presenter (7/19/17)

Lewis and Clark College, Graduate School of Education and Counseling: “Religion in the Academy,” Adjunct Professor (6/22/17)

Rogue Valley SHRM Annual Legal Seminar: “The Best Offense Is A Good Defense: Getting Your Workplace In Shape With A Strong Foundation of Proactive Strategies,” Presenter (5/18/17)

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference: “The Real Thing You Need to Know as a Young Lawyer: Insights and Perspectives from In-House Counsel on Working with Outside Counsel,” Presenter (5/6/17)

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Event: “What Do Lawyers Do?,” Moderator (4/18/17)

Barran Liebman Breakfast Seminar: “The Best Offense Is A Good Defense: Getting Your Workplace In Shape With A Strong Foundation of Proactive Strategies,” Presenter (3/7/17)

Barran Liebman Annual Seminar: “License & Registration? How Failing to Produce Requested Documents Could Leave You Stranded,” Presenter (10/6/16)

Women in Insurance & Financial Services (WIFS) Portland Metro Chapter - Lunch & Learn: “Becoming a Catalyst: How did Following the Advice Help Our Members?,” Panelist (7/21/16)

Oregon State Bar CLE - Problem Employee Discipline, Documentation and Discharge: “Recent Federal and State Legislation and Cases Affecting Oregon Employers,” Presenter (4/15/16)

2015 Oregon Paralegal Association Annual Convention: “Employment Law – Hiring, Firing & Administrative Oversight,” Presenter (11/7/15)

Barran Liebman’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latino Employment Law Seminar: “Wage and Hour: DOL Rules on Salary and Overtime,” Presenter (10/28/15)

Sterling Educational Services Employment Law – Beyond the Basics: “Privacy & Social Media in the Workplace,” Presenter (10/1/15)

OPB’s *Think Out Loud*: “Governor Signs Domestic Workers Bill of Rights,” Presenter (6/18/15)

Multnomah Bar Association: “Managing People: Developing Fruitful Employee Relationships and What to Do if it Doesn’t Work Out,” Moderator (5/20/15)

Iranian American Professional Society of Oregon: “Best Practices for a Successful Workplace,” Presenter (1/8/15)

National Business Institute: Employment Law 2014 Comprehensive Guide: “Managing Employee Leaves of Absence,” Presenter (2014)

### **Representative Publications**

- “Start Building Your Professional Community: Bar Involvement as a Law Student,” *Before the Bar*, September 13, 2017
- “ABA Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference Highlights,” *Multnomah Lawyer*, June 2017
- “Overtime Pay Upheaval. Daily & Weekly Overtime & Top Wage & Hour Considerations,” *Cascade Business News*, April 27, 2017
- “Highlights from the American Bar Association Midyear Meeting,” *Multnomah Lawyer*, March 2017
- “Businesses Face Uncertainty Amid Rapid Action on Immigration,” *Daily Journal of Commerce*, February 24, 2017
- “ABA Young Lawyers Division Fall Conference Highlights,” *Multnomah Lawyer*, December 2016
- Featured in “Job Sculpting for Lawyers: Increasing Attorney Engagement,” *Law Practice Today: The Talent Management Issue*, November 14, 2016
- “Walking your Client through the New DOL Salary Levels,” *American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Labor and Employment Law Committee’s 101 Practice Series*, November 8, 2016
- “Document Discovery Can Make or Break Your Case,” *Cascade Business News*, October 19, 2016
- “ABA Annual Meeting: Highlights and Upcoming Programs,” *Multnomah Lawyer*, September 2016
- “Discovery Violations: Dooming Your Defense,” *Oregon Business Magazine*, September, 2016
- “Got Employees? Got Changes: Barran Liebman Announces Recent Changes in Employment Law,” WIFS 2016 Brag Blast Newsletter, August 25, 2016
- “Employment Law Updates to Account for in 2016,” *Daily Journal of Commerce*, July 22, 2016
- “New Overtime Requirements: Department of Labor Announces Final Rule,” Barran Liebman Electronic Alert, May 18, 2016
- “The Top Five Reasons We Love Being Female Lawyers,” *Law Practice Today: The Women in Law Issue*, March 14, 2016
- “Oregon Legislature Passes New Itemized Paystub Requirements and Wage Theft Bill,” Barran Liebman Electronic Alert, March 4, 2016
- “Privacy and Social Media in the Workplace,” Sterling Education Services 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Employment Law: Beyond the Basics, October 1, 2015
- “Long-Awaited Proposed Overtime Rules Unveiled by the DOL,” Barran Liebman Electronic Alert, June 30, 2015
- “Mandatory Sick Time for All of Oregon,” Barran Liebman Electronic Alert, June 17, 2015; Republished in *Mondaq*, June 29, 2015
- “Employee Discipline and Termination,” *LawyerIssue Magazine*, Spring 2015; Republished in *Legal and Compliance Excellence Essentials*, May 2015
- “The Fine Line in the Interview Process,” *Daily Journal of Commerce*, February 27, 2015
- “Goodbye Futures, Hello Entrepreneurs,” *Multnomah Lawyer*, January 2015
- “Top Five Principles of Discipline & Termination,” *Cascade Business News*, November 19, 2014
- “Exempt or Non-Exempt: New Recordkeeping and Reporting under OSHA,” *Legal & Compliance Excellence Essentials*, October 2014
- “Exempt or Non-Exempt? That is the Question. New Recordkeeping and Reporting under OSHA,” Barran Liebman Electronic Alert, September 23, 2014
- “The Benefits of Community Service ... to the Lawyer,” *Law Practice Today*, September 2014
- “Everybody’s Got the Fever: Sick Leave Comes to Eugene,” *Legal & Compliance Excellence Essentials*, September 2014

**Admitted to Practice**

Massachusetts

Oregon

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

**Academics**

Boston University School of Law (J.D., 2011)

Portland State University (B.S., 2006)