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Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Product Liability and Torts
- Class Actions
- Proposition 65
- Food and Beverage
- Business Litigation

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Shannon represents public and private clients with a wide variety of litigation needs. She has significant experience representing the firm's litigation clients against individual and class action claims. Her work in this area concerns the defense of product manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, and premises owners in personal injury and defective product/premises litigation. She also defends clients in Toxic Tort matters. Her cases have involved catastrophic injuries, automobile accidents, children's products, cosmetics, chemicals, food and related services, consumer goods, asbestos, and other toxic substances. Shannon also handles business litigation, including breach of contract actions for goods and services, property damage claims, and indemnity and subrogation issues. In addition, she has provided advice and litigation defense on matters involving product and food labeling claims, organic labeling issues under COPA, and Proposition 65 claims.

Shannon also maintains a real estate litigation practice, specifically litigating eminent domain actions for both public and private clients. She has represented both condemnors and condemnees, and has experience serving as an advisor and trial lawyer for all aspects of the condemnation process. This includes planning and preparing for board actions, early resolution and negotiations of right of way and use agreements, selection and preparation of experts to motions for prejudgment possession, and trial on just compensation.

On top of her litigation experience, she advises clients on their obligations to Medicare for medical expense reimbursement and assists in drafting settlement language in compliance with the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

In her prior career, Shannon taught, coached, and coordinated service programs for Bellarmine College Preparatory High School in San Jose. She was awarded the 2005 Educator of the Year by *San Jose Magazine*, still one of her greatest honors.

Publications

"Don't Get Caught Off Guard: Section 111 Audit Readiness," co-author, Hanson Bridgett Legal Alert (October 2025)

"California Adopts Long-Pending Modifications to Proposition 65 'Clear and Reasonable' Warning Regulations," Proposition 65 Law Alert (September 2016)

"Forecasting Liability While Connecting to the Internet of Things," *USLAW Magazine* (Spring/Summer 2016)

"Proposed Prop. 65 Regulations Make California More Unfriendly Market, Create More Obligations for Businesses," Proposition 65 Law Alert (March 2015)

"Meeting of Minds on Medicare Is Harder Than It Looks: Negotiating Medicare Settlement Terms," *DRI The Whisper Newsletter* (February 2015)

"The State Of Arbitration Enforcement In California," *Law360* (April 2014)

"Be Smart About the SMART Act: Handling the Modified Medicare Secondary Payer Act," *The Whisper* (August 2013)

"California Supreme Court Limits Liability for Manufacturers," Product Liability & Torts Alert (January 2012)

"Jury Waiver Through Arbitration and Judicial Reference," *The Marin Lawyer Newsletter* (October 2011)

"Fundamentals of Drafting Arbitration Clauses, " Litigation & Dispute Resolution Alert (August 2011)

Blog Posts

"Court Grants Reprieve From Warning Obligations Related To Glyphosate For California Proposition 65 On Basis Of Inadequate Scientific Evidence," co-author, *HB Briefly* (March 2018)

"Los Angeles Judge Elects Generalized "Common Issue" to Justify Class Certification," *HB Briefly* (July 2017)

"California Prop. 65 Warning Regulation Revisions Moving Closer to Final," *HB Briefly* (May 2016)

"CA's Highest Court: Organic Consumer Protection Suits Not Preempted," *HB Briefly* (December 2015)

Proposed Prop. 65 Regulations Make California More Unfriendly Market," *HB Briefly* (March 2015)

"Negotiating Medicare Settlement Terms Is Harder Than It Looks," *HB Briefly* (February 2015)

Presentations

"The Abundance Agenda: Eminent Domain Dispute Resolution Strategies," California Eminent Domain Conference (March 2026)

"From Report to Retort: Testifying with Confidence as an Appraisal " Appraisal Institute 2025 Annual Fall Conference (October 2025)

"The Art of the Interview Confirmation and Authentication," Appraisal Institute 2024 Annual Spring Conference (March 2024)

"The Future is Now: Liability Exposure for Products that are Connected and Infused with Artificial Intelligence," co-presenter, DRI Product Liability Conference (February 2023)

"Finding Your Path: Career Development for Associates," DRI Young Lawyers Seminar (June 2016)

"Effective Demonstratives," co-speaker, PLI Day Evidence Seminar (October 2013)

"Medicare - The Hot Topic In Personal Injury Defense Work," CLE Program (November 2010)

Press

"Back to Basics," *Legal Management* (July 2020)
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Honors & Awards

DRI's Richard H. Krochock Award (2021)

Professional Affiliations

Defense Research Institute (DRI) Young Lawyers Committee, Second-Vice Chair, Annual Meeting Social Media Chair, Marketing Chair for Food Law Committee

USLAW

Association of Defense Counsel, Northern California

Bar Association, San Francisco

Judicial Clerkships

Legal Intern for the Honorable Katherine Feinstein, San Francisco Superior Court

Academic Distinctions

Thurston Honor Society

Cali Award for Excellence, Community Property and Negotiations

Best Oral Argument, Moot Court

Witkin Awards in Criminal Law and Legal Writing and Research

Phi Beta Kappa

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2009)

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa Santa Clara University (1999)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. Tax Court