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QUALIFICATIONS

Representation of employer clients through all phases and type of employment litigation, from individual charges and cases to broad-scale class and collective actions. Over 20 years experience in successfully defending claims of employment discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful discharge, wage and hour violations, entitlement to employee benefits, misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential information, unfair competition, labor-management disputes, defamation and other employment-related torts, immigration, employee benefits, OSHA and traditional labor matters.

PRACTICE AREA

- ◆ Employment Law
- ◆ Business litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California, 1987
U.S. District Courts - Eastern and Northern Districts of California

ASSOCIATIONS

Sacramento County Bar Association
American Bar Association, including Employment Law and Litigation Sections

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, J.D. – 1987
University of California, Los Angeles, B.S., Psychology – 1981

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seley & Cote, LLP
Of Counsel 2010 - Present

The Phillips Law Offices
Founding Attorney - 1994; 2003 - Present)

International Business Systems - US
General Legal Counsel - 1998-2002)

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith

Partner, Labor and Employment Department -1995-1998

Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant & Hannegan

Associate - 1990-1993

Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Phelps

Associate, Labor and Employment Department - 1988-1990

Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker

Associate, Labor and Employment Department - 1987-1988

Law Clerk - 1984-1986