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Ronda D. Jamgotchian is a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group in the firm's Century City office.

#### **Areas of Practice**

Ronda is an experienced litigator who handles all facets of labor and employment law. She has significant experience defending employers in wage and hour class, collective and representative action lawsuits involving claims for overtime pay, misclassification, meal and rest period violations, unpaid business expenses, and a variety of other related claims. She also has extensive experience defending single plaintiff lawsuits involving allegations of harassment, retaliation, and discrimination based on age, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and other protected classifications, as well as claims for breach of contract, defamation, wrongful termination, and various others.

Ronda regularly appears in both state and federal court, and before administrative agencies including the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, and the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Ronda is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution, having assisted clients in obtaining favorable resolutions to disputes through mediation and direct negotiation. Ronda regularly counsels employers on a wide range of labor and employment law issues, including leaves of absence, personnel policies and procedures, disability accommodations, reductions in force, employee discipline, and wage and hour matters.

In addition to handling litigation and advice matters, Ronda is a highly-skilled lecturer and trainer, having conducted hundreds of programs and seminars for employers both nationally and internationally. Among other things, Ronda regularly conducts workplace harassment trainings for both management and non-management employees, as well as customized training programs for employers on a variety of other topics, including hiring and firing, exempt classifications, performance evaluations, and many others. Ronda also has extensive experience conducting workplace investigations for employers across a wide range of industries.

Ronda received her J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. During law school, Ronda served as Senior Notes Editor of The Hastings Law Journal and earned Order of the Coif and Thurston Society recognition upon graduation.

### **Honors**

Recognized for Employment Law - Management, Best Lawyers, 2024

Leader of Influence: Labor and Employment, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2023 Recognized for Labor and Employment Litigation, *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2023 Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2015-2023

#### **Articles**

- "An Eye for an Eye or Crying Wolf? An Overview of California and Federal Retaliation and Whistleblower Laws" Practising Law Institute 37th Annual Institute on Employment Law
- "City of Los Angeles Orders Certain Employers to Protect Workers or Risk Imprisonment," Labor and Employment Law Blog
- "Amendment to Computer Software Employee Overtime Exemption Approved by Governor," Labor and Employment Law Blog

### **Speaking Engagements**

Regularly provides workplace harassment and human resources/management training classes for clients across a wide range of industries

Featured Speaker in Numerous Live and Virtual Seminars, including:

- Castle Publications Lecture Series (2007-2022)
- 2022 California Labor & Employment Law Update and Happy Hour
- 2021 Employment Discrimination and Employee Relations Laws Live Broadcast
- 2020 Getting Back to Business: Planning and Best Practices for Employers in a Changed Workplace
- 2020 California Labor & Employment Law Update Webinar
- 2020 Getting Back to Business Webinar Series (Part 2)
- 2020 Employment Discrimination and Employee Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2019 Employment Discrimination and Employee Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2018 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2018 Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Los Angeles
- 2017 Labor Update and Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2017 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2017 Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Los Angeles
- 2016 Labor Update and Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2016 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2016 Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Los Angeles
- 2015 Labor Update and Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2015 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2015 Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Los Angeles

- 2014 Labor Update and Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2014 Employment Discrimination And Personnel Relations Laws Series Orange County and Pasadena
- 2014 Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Los Angeles
- 2013 National Retail Federation Loss Prevention Conference, "Who Wants To Be a Litigant?"
- 2013 Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2013 Employment Discrimination And Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2012 Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2012 Employment Discrimination And Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2011 Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2011 Employment Discrimination And Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2010 Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Century City
- 2010 Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Los Angeles
- 2010 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2010 California's Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training Webinar
- 2009 Labor & Employment Law Breakfast with Your Labor Lawyer Century City
- 2009 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2008 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena
- 2007 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Series Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco and Pasadena

#### **Events**

Labor & Employment Law Update and Happy Hour - Los Angeles Fall 2023

The Conrad, 10.17.2023

Labor & Employment Law Update and Happy Hour - Los Angeles Fall 2022

The LINE Hotel, 10.27.2022

2021 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Castle's Seminar Experience Live Broadcast, 03.25.2021

California Labor & Employment Law Update Webinar, 10.28.2020

2020 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Summer 2020

Live Broadcast Experience, 09.17.2020

Getting Back to Business Webinar Series (Part 2) Planning and Best Practices for Employers in a Changed Workplace Webinar, 05.28.2020

2020 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Winter 2020

Project General Counsel Workshop Sheppard Mullin - Los Angeles, 11.14.2019

2019 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Summer 2019

2019 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Winter 2019

2018 Employment Discrimination and Employee Relations Laws Summer 2018

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer - Los Angeles Spring 2018 Seminar Series 04.26.2018

2018 Employment Discrimination And Employee Relations Laws Winter 2018

Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour - Los Angeles Fall 2017 Series 10.12.2017

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer - Los Angeles Spring 2017 Seminar Series 05.17.2017

2017 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Laws Winter 2017

Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour - Los Angeles Fall 2016 Seminar Series 11.09.2016

2016 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Castle Publications, Ltd. Labor & Employment Seminars Summer 2016

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer - Los Angeles Spring 2016 Seminar Series 05.18.2016

Labor & Employment Law Update & Happy Hour - Los Angeles Fall 2015 Seminar Series 10.15.2015

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer - Los Angeles Spring 2015 Seminar Series 05.28.2015

2015 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Castle Publications, Ltd. Labor & Employment Seminars Winter 2015

**WORKPLACE 2015** 

Prepare Today for Tomorrow's Emergencies Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego, 10.22.2014

Labor & Employment Legal Update & Happy Hour Fall 2014 Seminar Series - Los Angeles 10.16.2014

2014 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Summer 2014: August 13 and 21

Labor & Employment Law Update - Spring 2014 06.09.2014

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer - Los Angeles Spring 2014 Seminar Series 04.30.2014

2014 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws Winter 2014: February 20 and March 5

Labor and Employment Law Update and Happy Hour Fall 2013 - Los Angeles Fall 2013 Seminar Series Sheppard Mullin LA, 10.22.2013

Breakfast With Your Labor Lawyer Spring 2013 - Los Angeles Spring 2013 Seminar Series Sheppard Mullin Los Angeles, 04.16.2013

Labor and Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Fall 2012 - Los Angeles Sheppard Mullin Los Angeles Office, 10.03.2012

Labor and Employment Law Update & Happy Hour Spring 2012 - Los Angeles Sheppard Mullin Los Angeles Office, 04.19.2012

2012 Employment Discrimination and Personnel Relations Laws - San Francisco, Orange County, Pasadena and Los Angeles

Winter 2012: February 7, February 16, February 23 and March 1

### **Podcasts & Webinars**

Getting Back To Business Webinar Series: Session Two 05.28.2020

#### **Practices**

**Labor and Employment** 

Labor and Employment Counseling

Wage and Hour Regulations

Labor and Employment Litigation

Wage and Hour Class Actions

Litigation

Healthcare

#### **Industries**

Construction

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

**Financial Services** 

Food and Beverage

Healthcare

Hospitality

Mortgage Banking

Nonprofit

Retail, Fashion & Beauty

#### Education

J.D., University of California, Hastings, 1998, Senior Notes Editor, *The Hastings Law Journal*, President of the Hastings Christian Legal Society, *Order of the Coif*, Thurston Society, *magna cum laude* 

B.A., California State University Fullerton, 1994, with high honors

### **Clerkships**

Law clerk to Chief Judge Alan C. Kay, U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii

### **Admissions**

California

U.S. District Court for the Central and Southern Districts of California