



## Brownstein Expands Litigation Department with Addition of Experienced Litigator Lee Crawford Boyd

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Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck expanded its Litigation Department with the addition of transnational and entertainment litigator Lee Crawford Boyd as a shareholder in its Los Angeles office, as well as two experienced members of her team.

With a background in complex litigation, arbitration, national and state class action suits and international human rights and restitution cases, Boyd has handled many high-profile, high-stakes litigation cases involving foreign sovereign immunity, genocide, flight hijacking victims and Holocaust reparations. She brings a successful practice and sterling reputation to Brownstein, where she gains a platform capable of handling even larger cases and a Litigation Department skilled in practicing at the intersection of business, law and politics.

“Bringing in Lee and her team is a real coup for our Litigation Department and Los Angeles office,” said Ellen Schulhofer, Brownstein’s co-managing partner. “Lee’s litigation practice complements the high stakes work for which the firm is known. And, the work Lee and her team have been doing in intellectual property, employment and entertainment litigation strengthens our existing practices while broadening the services we can offer our clients.”

The addition of Boyd and her team expands Brownstein’s already skilled litigation team, a team supported by the firm’s equally strong government relations, intellectual property and employment law practices. Brownstein’s extensive work with the public policy community and government agencies also complements Boyd’s practice.

“I’m so pleased to be joining Brownstein where I’ll continue to build my practice through the platform Brownstein provides,” said Boyd. “I’m eager to begin working with the firm’s stellar litigation and government relations teams.”

Boyd earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude, and her bachelor’s degree with highest honors from the University of Virginia. She teaches International Litigation as an adjunct professor of law at Pepperdine Law School, and was a tenured professor of law there from 1998 to 2006, specializing in complex and international litigation and trial practice, international human rights and foreign affairs law. Previously, Boyd was a founding partner at the California law firm Schwarcz, Rimberg, Boyd & Rader, LLP.

Boyd brings with her two associates, Rajika Shah and Sherli Shamtoub, who also will practice in the firm’s Los Angeles office.

Shah has experience with the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, defending Libyan terrorist hijacking victims and representing clients in large, multinational class action suits. Shah earned her law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law and her bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College. She also holds a master of laws degree in public international law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Shamtoub’s body of work ranges from representing artists and producers in copyright infringement and joint copyright ownership actions to serving as class counsel in an employment litigation. During law school, Shamtoub served on the European Union Commission Promotion of Democratization and Human Rights in

Iran, a project aimed at ensuring Iran's adherence to international human rights laws. She earned her law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from the University of California Berkeley.

**Meet The Team**

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