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# WOMEN OF INFLUENCE: ATTORNEYS



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**CORTNEY SHEGERIAN**  
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Cortney Shegerian started a women owned law firm with business partner Heather Conniff in 2018. Shegerian Conniff currently has four employees and has handled hundreds of cases, including highly publicized sexual assault/harassment cases such as Doe v. City of Bakersfield. Throughout her career as an attorney, Shegerian has argued in front of the California Supreme Court as well as the Court of Appeal and has secured settlements and judgments in excess of \$150 million for her clients, including an \$8.3 million verdict for a fatal bus crash suit along with a \$352,083 verdict for a wrongfully terminated employee. Shegerian has served as a speaker and panelist in the area of employment law for the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, the Beverly Hills Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.



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Heather Conniff has drafted appellate briefs and argued in front of both Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California Court of Appeals. Her practice focuses on employment law and includes all aspects of case management from initiation through trial, with particular emphasis in law and motion, litigation, and appeals. Conniff started a women-owned law firm with business partner Cortney Shegerian in 2018. Shegerian Conniff currently has three employees and has handled hundreds of cases, including the highly publicized sexual assault/harassment case of Doe v. City of Bakersfield. A magna cum laude graduate of Whittier Law School, Conniff worked for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Staff Attorneys Office, as well as the Department of Justice, Office of the United States Trustees during her law school tenure. Conniff recently arbitrated a pregnancy discrimination case currently pending the arbitrator’s decision.