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In addition to general commercial litigation, Ms. Von Eschen has extensive expertise in a broad range of labor and employment matters. Her practice includes large systemic discrimination and wage and hour class action cases, individual discrimination and wrongful termination claims, and ERISA matters. She has conducted successful trials in both the California federal and state courts, and has argued and won appellate victories for her clients before the California and United States (Ninth Circuit) Courts of Appeal.

Ms. Von Eschen also regularly advises businesses and non-profit organizations on traditional “nuts and bolts” human resources issues, including contracts, severance agreements, employee discipline and terminations. She routinely drafts and audits company policies and handbooks, as well as affirmative action plans. She also leads internal investigations and conducts preventive training sessions on harassment and other employment topics.

Prior to joining Abelson | Herron, Ms. Von Eschen was a litigation partner with Latham & Watkins LLP (Los Angeles, CA). During 2008-2009, she practiced with Dal Soglio & Martens LLP (El Segundo, CA).

Ms. Von Eschen is a member of the California State Bar. She is admitted to practice in all California courts, the United States District Court for the Central District of California, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Highlights of Ms. Von Eschen’s Experience Include:

- Successfully defended International School in arbitration of wrongful termination claim by former Director. Arbitrator ruled in client’s favor
- Represented delivery corporation in wage and hour class action involving couriers paid on a piece rate basis. Case settled favorably before trial;
- Represented individual defendant in sexual and racial harassment and retaliation suit against major film studio. Matter settled favorably before trial;
- Advised prominent not-for-profit Foundations regarding Executive Director and CEO employment agreements;

- Developed Human Resources infrastructure and policies for newly formed entertainment corporation.

Education

New York University, J.D., 1991

College of William and Mary, B.A. with Honors, English, 1986

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Professional Activities

Member, California Bar

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Labor and Employment Section