

# Monee Takla Hanna

## Counsel

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### education

Harvard Law School (J.D.), 2008;  
*Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties  
Law Review*, General Editor  
University of California, Los Angeles  
(B.A.), *magna cum laude*, 2005;  
Phi Beta Kappa

### services

Medical & Pharmaceutical Liability  
Drug & Device Regulatory Issues

Monee Takla Hanna focuses her practice on pharmaceutical and medical products liability.

She has been a member of several litigation teams, including teams defending transdermal drug-delivery systems, pelvic mesh, and cardiac medication actions in state and federal courts. In addition to defending pharmaceutical and medical device cases, Monee also has experience in business litigation matters, including class actions, unfair competition claims, and antitrust actions.

After graduating from law school, Monee returned to Los Angeles, where she was born and raised, to work in the litigation department of a large international law firm. She lives with her husband and daughters in Playa Vista where she enjoys all things running, food, and UCLA.

### state admissions

- California (2008)

### federal admissions

- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California

## experience

### REPRESENTATIVE DECISIONS

- Obtained dismissal for medical device company on federal preemption under *Riegel* in case involving injuries allegedly caused by ruptured silicone gel breast implant (D.S.C. 2014)
- Obtained summary judgment for medical device company for lack of defect in case involving injuries allegedly caused by leaking tissue expander (N.J. Super. Ct. Law Div. Atlantic Cty 2014)
- Obtained dismissal for medical device company on federal preemption under *Riegel* in case involving injuries caused by ruptured saline breast implant (E.D. Cal. 2012)
- Obtained dismissal for medical device company on federal preemption under *Riegel* in case involving Class III stair-climbing wheelchair (E.D. Cal. 2011)

## publications & events

### PUBLICATIONS

- "Innovator Liability: A Pandora's Box for Pharma Cos.?", *Law360* (April 2018)
- "*Harzewski v. Guidant Corporation*: Legal Standing for Cashed-out ERISA Participants," co-author, *Bender's Labor and Employment Bulletin*, Vol. 7, No. 8 (August 2007)

## in the community

### CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Associate Advisory Board