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PRACTICES

Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., Southwestern University
School of Law, 2001

B.S., University of Southern
California, 1998

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for
the Central District of California

United States District Court for
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for
the Northern District of
California

United States District Court for
the Southern District of
California

Shelby Crawford is a trial lawyer and litigation strategist who defends clients from the initiation of a case through trial and/or settlement. Shelby has litigated successfully before state and federal courts, focusing her practice on the defense of public-entities, general liability, automobile and common carrier liability, personal injury, premises liability, and contracts.

Shelby has compiled an impressive record of success by anticipating typical claimant strategies and mounting vigorous and innovative defenses.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully defended a transportation company in a property damage matter before a jury in Los Angeles Superior Court.
- Obtained a defense decision in a binding motor vehicle accident arbitration involving a trucking agency and a passenger vehicle, prevailing on liability against claims of severe injuries.
- Obtained a defense verdict before a Santa Barbara jury in a premises liability action involving a fall at the entrance to a salon; plaintiff sought \$2 million in damages.
- Represented an auto repair shop in a lawsuit where the plaintiff alleged negligent repairs, attempting to argue that his vehicle, which caught on fire after leaving the repair facility, had historical value. Successfully argued that the vehicle did not have historical value and obtained a verdict in the amount offered prior to trial.
- Obtained a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in a case involving a repossession agency client where the plaintiff alleged breach of peace, trespass and emotional distress.
- Obtained a defense decision in a binding arbitration on behalf of a repossession agency client, where the plaintiff alleged the agency breached the peace while attempting to repossess a vehicle on behalf of the lienholder.
- Obtained a defense verdict before a Ventura Superior Court jury in a case involving a box truck that collided with a bicyclist;

demonstrated to the jury through witnesses, accident reconstruction and experts that the plaintiff was preoccupied and ran into the back of the box truck causing his own injuries.

- Drafted a successful motion for summary judgment on behalf of a major wine manufacturer in a products case involving a plaintiff with a cut hand and \$500,000 in medical expenses and lost wages, allegedly due to a wine bottle that shattered when he attempted to open it.
- Drafted a successful motion for summary judgment on behalf of a national construction rental company based upon the lease agreement with its client, prevailing on the issue of duty to defend.