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### PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Aneelah has a civil litigation practice, with an emphasis on complex commercial litigation. Aneelah works on large multi-million dollar cases on behalf of Fortune 500 companies, as well as small cases on behalf of individuals and family-run businesses. Her practice consists of both defense and plaintiff work in areas including commercial disputes, employment litigation, real estate, and intellectual property.

### PRACTICE AREAS:

Litigation

Employment

Real Estate

### EDUCATION:

Harvard Law School, J.D. (2003)

University of Oregon Robert D. Clark Honors College, B.A. in Psychology, *summa cum laude* (2000)

Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador, semester (1998)

### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (2003)

U.S. District Courts for the Western (2004) and Eastern (2005) Districts of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Immediate Past President and Founding Member, Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington (MELAW)

Executive Board Member, Legal Aid for Washington (LAW Fund)

Former Member, Washington State Bar Association Committee for Diversity

Former Liaison, Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors Diversity Committee

## **PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

“Social Networking: Blunders and Breaches, Benefits and Best Practices,” 32 WSBA BUSINESS LAW SECTION 1 (Summer 2010)

“Social Media and Networking,” Presenter, Stokes Lawrence Attorney Development Meetings (Feb. and Mar. 2010)

“The Campaign for Equal Justice: Empowering Those in Need,” WSBA DE NOVO (Dec. 2009)

“MELAW: The Birth of a New MBA,” WSBA BAR NEWS (Sept. 2009)

Presentation, “e-Discovery: Rules, Practical Tips and Considerations,” Stokes Law Briefs Educational Series for Business Leaders (2007)

Presentation, “Update on the Status of Class Action Law,” Heller Ehrman Firm-Wide Complex Litigation Practice Group Retreat (2006)

“Litigating in the New Class Action World: An Update on Evolving Case Law Under the Class Action Fairness Act,” 6 BNA CLASS ACTION LITIGATION REPORT 18 (2005)

“Constructing Coexistence: A Survey of Coexistence Projects in Areas of Ethnic Conflict,” IMAGINE COEXISTENCE: RESTORING HUMANITY AFTER VIOLENT ETHNIC CONFLICT (A. Chayes and M. Minow, eds.) (2003)

Thesis, “The Psyche of a Modern Tragedy: A Social-Psychological Analysis of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict” (highest distinction)

## **RECOGNITION:**

Excellence in Diversity Award, Washington State Bar Association (2010)

Rising Star, WASHINGTON LAW & POLITICS (2008-2010)

## **BACKGROUND & INTERESTS:**

Before joining the firm in February 2007, Aneelah was an attorney in the Consumer Litigation Practice Group at Heller Ehrman LLP. While in law school, Aneelah worked at the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center (Housing and Family Law Units). She also served as: (i) a legal intern for the International Rescue Committee, assisting in the development and implementation of the Durable Solutions Project (a pilot program to assist Afghan refugees); (ii) a research assistant for the UNHCR Imagine Coexistence Project, where she co-authored and presented a paper to scholars on the theme of coexistence at a Harvard conference; and (iii) a legal extern for the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Steering Committee on Self-Represented Litigants.