



**Lisa C. Hamasaki**  
**Shareholder**

Ms. Hamasaki has extensive experience defending and advising clients with regard to all aspects of employment law including discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, retaliation, whistleblower, defamation, leaves of absence and wage and hour claims. She has considerable courtroom experience in both state and federal court as well as contractual arbitration proceedings, has represented employers in numerous administrative proceedings, including before the California Labor Commissioner and the California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, and has extensive experience representing clients in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Ms. Hamasaki also has an enviable success record when it comes to motions for summary judgment. In recent years, she has succeeded in obtaining summary judgment in numerous matters and, in others, has successfully narrowed the scope of the cases she handled – all to the benefit of her clients.

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**Education**

J.D., 1998 - University of Virginia  
School of Law; Charlottesville, VA

B.A. magna cum laude, 1995 -  
Bates College; Lewiston, ME

1993-1994 - St. Peter's College,  
Oxford University; Oxford, England

**Prior Law Firm Affiliations**

Crosby Heafey Roach & May (now  
Reed Smith)

**Speaking Engagements**

June 2011, Participant in a  
“[Diversity Roundtable](#)” hosted by  
[California Lawyer](#) magazine and  
moderated by the California  
Minority Counsel Program,  
published in the June 2011 Issue  
of [California Lawyer](#) magazine

October 2010, NAMWOLF Annual  
Meeting: “Legal Marketing Ethics in  
the Electronic Age”

October 2009, NAMWOLF Annual  
Meeting: “Litigation Ethics in the  
Electronic Age - Facebook to  
Forensics”

**Affiliations and Activities**

National Association of Minority  
and Women Owned Law Firms  
(NAMWOLF), Member of  
Membership Engagement &  
Outreach Committee

California Minority Counsel  
Program (CMCP), Membership  
committee

Asian American Bar Association  
of the Greater Bay Area (AABA)

National Asian Pacific American  
Bar Association (NAPABA)

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

American Bar Association (ABA)

**Bar Admissions**

California