

**SHANNA M. VAN WAGNER**

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**PRACTICE AREAS:**

Toxic Tort & Occupational Exposure  
Habitability, Housing & Rent Control Claims  
Insurance Fraud – 1st and 3rd party  
Traumatic Brain Injury & Mild TBI Claims  
High Exposure General Liability Claims  
Mold Liability Defense  
Premises Liability Defense  
Product Liability Defense  
Defense of Federal & State Class Actions

**EDUCATION:**

Baylor University, Waco, Texas (B.S. in Forensic Science, 2007)  
University of San Diego, San Diego (Paralegal Certificate, 2007)  
University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego (J.D., 2017)

**HONOR SOCIETIES:**

Phi Delta Phi

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

State Bar of California  
U.S. District Court, Central District of California  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

San Diego County Bar Association

**AWARDS:**

CALI Award for highest grade in Legal Research & Writing II  
Baylor University, Deans List (2003, 2007)

**EXPERIENCE:**

Shanna M. Van Wagner is a Partner in the San Diego office of Lynberg & Watkins. She has extensive experience in the defense of property damage and bodily injury claims arising from alleged exposure to carbon monoxide, liquid nitrogen, silica, mold, PFAs, as well as other environmental contaminants. She also has experience in the defense of general liability, insurance fraud, and habitability claims. Ms. Van Wagner's practice also includes defense of





state and federal class action lawsuits. Additionally, Ms. Van Wagner has substantial experience in construction defect litigation from her 10-year career as a paralegal.

Ms. Van Wagner attended University of San Diego, School of Law where she served as the lead articles editor for the University of San Diego International Law Journal. During law school, she participated in the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Project and University of San Diego Pro Bono Legal Advocates.

**NOTABLE:**

**Brian Virgili v. Newport Crest HOA and Optimum Property Management** – Ms. Van Wagner assisted in achieving a defense verdict on all causes of action in a 12-day homeowner versus HOA/property management trial in Orange County, California. The plaintiff alleged that water intrusion from the exterior of the building was the cause for mold growth and mycotoxins within his unit. The defense was able to show causation stemmed from homeowner responsible areas and that the homeowner’s claims for damages were unfounded. The defense pre-trial motions in limine and motions for non-suit resulted in large portions of the plaintiff’s case being thrown out, including the exclusion of some or all of the anticipated testimony of plaintiff’s retained experts.