

# KINNARI COWELL-SHAH

## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan Law School

J.D., May 1995

- Articles Editor, *Michigan Journal of Gender & Law*
- Editor, *Dicta*, *University of Michigan Law School Literary Journal*
- Legal Writing, Research and Oral Advocacy Instructor
- Book Award for Excellence in Legal Writing and Research

### Université de Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne

Diploma, *Paris Institute on Comparative and International Law*, Summer 1994

### University of California, Berkeley

B.A. in English with French minor, May 1991

- Phi Beta Kappa
- UC Berkeley Chancellor Scholarship, Dean's List, IBM Watson Scholarship

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Miller Brown & Dannis San Francisco, CA

2006

*Associate Attorney. Special Education:* Conduct legal research on special education-related topics. Draft pleadings and settlement agreements for the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Review district and student records for compliance with Individualized Educational Programs (IEP) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Attend mediations and IEP meetings; interview witnesses and compile evidence binders for OAH due process hearings.

### Lozano Smith San Rafael, CA

2004-2006

*Associate Attorney. School District Finance:* Provide legal representation related to the issuance of general obligation bonds for school districts. Draft, edit and proof-read disclosure documents (including official statements/prospectuses for bond issues), bond purchase agreements, resolutions, financing and security instruments and closing documents. Provide other general transactional services to school districts in connection with bond issuance.

### Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth San Francisco, CA

1999-2003

*Associate Attorney. Public Finance:* Provide legal representation related to the issuance of short and long term public debt obligations, including general obligation bonds, bond anticipation notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes, certificates of participation, lease revenue bonds for cities, health care districts, school districts and county offices of education. Worked closely with issuer and county officials to prepare resolutions and agenda items for consideration and adoption by boards. Drafted leases and indentures in capacity as bond counsel. Drafted disclosure documents (especially official statements/prospectuses for municipal bond issues), bond purchase agreements, resolutions, financing and security instruments and closing documents. Provided other general transactional services to public agencies, public and private corporations and surety bond providers. Conducted research on an array of legal issues.

### Brown & Wood LLP (now Sidley Austin Brown & Wood) San Francisco, CA

1996-1999

*Associate Attorney. Public Finance:* Provided legal representation related to the issuance of short and long term public debt obligations, including general obligation bonds, bond anticipation notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes, certificates of participation, lease revenue bonds for cities, health care districts, Mello-Roos districts, school districts and county offices of education. Drafted disclosure documents, bond purchase agreements, resolutions and other financing instruments. Provided other general corporate transactional services to public agencies, public and private corporations and surety bond providers. Researched and drafted legal memoranda.

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Piercing Revelation,” SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, April 3, 2000, at B1

“Silent Conformity in *The Age of Innocence*,” BERKELEY UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL, Vol. 4, No. 2 (Spring 1991)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Admitted to California Bar in 1995; South Asian Bar Association; National Association of Bond Lawyers

Languages: French (fluent); Gujarati (proficient); Hindi and Italian (limited knowledge)

Active in theater and choral groups, including the San Francisco Bach Choir and the Berkeley Opera Company