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Shi's practice involves litigation and counseling regarding insurance and reinsurance issues.

OVERVIEW

Prior to joining the firm, Shi worked for a boutique litigation firm where her practice involved civil litigation and government investigations. Before that, she was a trial attorney in the Civil Litigation Division of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

She has extensive experience in all phases of discovery and discovery-related disputes, including taking and defending numerous depositions. In addition, Shi has drafted numerous pretrial motions, motion *in limine*, post-trial motions, and appellate briefs, along with confidential settlement statements for mediators.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained an \$18 million verdict against the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of victim of state-sponsored terrorism.
- Served as trial counsel in five federal civil rights cases that resulted in winning defense verdicts on all statutory claims *See Brown, et al. v. District of Columbia*, 1:10-cv-2250 (class action litigation); *Battle v. District of Columbia, et al.*, 1:12-cv-1202-ESH; *Richardson v. Korson*, 1:10-cv-2049-JEB; *Primas v. District of Columbia, et al.*, 1:09-cv-2317-RJL; *Maldonado v. District of Columbia, et al.* 1:11-cv-1473-BAH.
- Represented individuals, corporations, and foreign sovereign nations in commercial litigation at the trial and appellate level in both local and federal court.
- Negotiated at mediation and settlement conferences on behalf of clients.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Insurance Law* (2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance + Reinsurance

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance
- Reinsurance

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Barrister, William B. Bryant American Inn of Court
- Member, D.C. Bar Women's Litigators Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant attorney general, Civil Litigation Division, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 2012-2017
- Assistant attorney general, Personnel and Labor Relations Division, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 2010-2012

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2006
- Boston University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2002

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Hot Off the Presses: Recent COVID UK, Life & Voluntary Payments Doctrine Cases," ARIAS-US 2024 Spring Conference, May 1-3, 2024.
- Speaker, "Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year," Troutman Pepper, February 8, 2024.
- Speaker, "Hot Topic: A Year Later: Trends in COVID-19 Liability Claims," Re Basics: Demystifying Reinsurance, Reinsurance Association of America, May 19, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, "2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2021 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 22, 2022.

- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability 2020 | A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, March 1, 2021.
- Contributor, "[D&O and Professional Liability Update 2019: A Year in Review](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, March 3, 2020.