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Overview

Lily concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation and environmental law and represents clients from a variety of industries, including technology, environmental, and entertainment and sports companies. She has litigated large and complex matters, including mass tort, class action, qui tam, and multidistrict litigations, through all stages of litigation, from compliant draft to trial.

Lily has significant trial experience, including second chairing in a nine-figure federal bench trial (June 2023 and August 2023) for an owner/operator in a CERCLA case where the government sought more than $100 million in damages and an eight-figure jury trial (May 2021) for an international entertainment and sports conglomerate against claims of breach of fiduciary duty brought by a professional athlete.

Throughout her legal career, she successfully led a team and served as the representative for a multinational digital communications technology enterprise, specializing in 3rd party subpoena work.

Prior to joining Benesch, Lily spent ten years at a major international firm where she obtained significant complex civil and trial experience and was part of Law360's 2019 Product Liability Group of the Year.

Futhermore, Lily has previously assisted pro bono clients with asylum matters, U-Visa applications, and adjustment of status applications. She has also partnered with National Veterans Legal Services Program to provide legal representation to disabled veterans.

Representative Matters

- Represented an international entertainment and sports conglomerate against claims of breach of fiduciary duty brought by a professional athlete in an eight figure jury trial. After nearly a month of evidence, the jury deliberated only three hours before finding in favor of client on all counts.
- Defended retail company in California state-wide class action against allegations of violations of various California consumer protection statutes.
- Sued a New York county board of elections for alleged religious discrimination against Hasidic Jews resulting in independent monitoring of the board of elections for a 5-year period.
- Secured early settlement in state-wide class action and successfully managed settlement compliance, including training professional staff from 19 sites across California.
- Represented world's largest logistics company in month-long jury trial in New York, resulting in a full defense verdict in a multi-million dollar breach of contract lawsuit filed by 31 plaintiffs.
- Represented a private equity fund in a two-week bench trial in Delaware Chancery Court, securing complete defense victory in decade-long dispute arising from a $2.2 billion acquisition of a national skilled nursing facility company.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Duke University School of Law, 2008
  - with honors
- Asbury College, 2001, *cum laude*, Applied Mathematics and Sociology

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

Memberships

- Volunteer State Counsel for California, IGNITE National

Awards & Recognition

- Recipient, Dechert Samuel E. Klein Pro Bono Award for commitment to providing pro bono legal services (2017)

News & Insights

- Law360 Highlights Benesch Team Representing Gould Electronics in California Environmental Cleanup Matter
  July 23, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Lily North and Shaneeda Jaffer Mentioned in Law360 for Representation of Epic Games in Trade Libel Dispute with Google
  August 22, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Represents SPARC in High-Profile Trade Secrets Litigation
  June 12, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Partner Shaneeda Jaffer and Attorney Lily North Earn Recognition in Law360 for High-Stakes Antitrust Victory in Epic Games Case
  June 12, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Law360 Mentions Benesch Attorneys Shaneeda Jaffer and Lily North in Epic Games Antitrust Case
  June 12, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Attorneys Shaneeda Jaffer and Lily North Mentioned in Law360 for Representing Epic Games in Antitrust Case
  April 8, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Krista Enns, Lily North and Nicholas Secco mentioned in Law360 | "Forget It, Jake, It's Vernon: Judge Sees 'Chinatown' In Trial"
  August 8, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Krista M. Enns, Lily A. North and Nicholas J. Secco mentioned in Law360 | "Court Limits Calif.'s Ability to Chase Costs at Battery Plant"
  October 26, 2022 | Media Mentions
- Krista M. Enns, J. Erik Connolly, Lily North, Christopher Letkewicz mentioned in FlickPrime | "RHOBH Star Diana Jenkins Makes New Move in 'Bots' Lawsuit"
  September 20, 2022 | Media Mentions
- Krista M. Enns, J. Erik Connolly, Lily North, Christopher Letkewicz mentioned in Heavy | "RHOBH Star Diana Jenkins Asks Judge to Help Find 'Crucial' Info for Lawsuit"
  September 20, 2022 | Media Mentions