

Shaneeda Jaffer

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Overview

Shaneeda is a trial attorney with a passion for justice, making her a fierce advocate for her clients, whether they are facing a criminal action or an adverse civil judgment. Her clients describe her as smart, compassionate, and tough. She prioritizes her clients' needs and is a creative and strategic problem solver.

Shaneeda regularly defends individuals and corporations charged with fraud, insider trading, federal securities fraud, environmental crimes, corporate bribery, and antitrust violations. She has defended individuals charged with complex fraud and money laundering schemes, including those involving international transactions. She has also defended corporations charged with complex regulatory crimes. Additionally, Shaneeda regularly conducts internal investigations for companies, municipalities and public agencies.

In her equally active civil practice, Shaneeda has represented companies ranging from small start-ups to Fortune 200 companies in a variety of matters ranging from employment and contract disputes to internal investigations, whistleblower claims, and mass torts. She has experience defending clients in civil litigation and criminal matters in federal and state courts as well as before government agencies. She also maintains an active pro bono practice, representing incarcerated individuals and people seeking asylum in the United States.

Shaneeda has been selected to the Northern California Rising Stars list for her work in criminal defense since 2012. Committed to civil and human rights since her time in law school, Shaneeda received the NYU Global Justice and Human Rights Fellowship, interned with the United National High Commissioner for Refugees in Tanzania and represented prisoners in civil rights actions against New York state police officers and prison guards.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D.
- Stanford University, M.A., Sociology

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California

Memberships

- Executive Committee Member, Bar Association of San Francisco Criminal Justice Section

Awards & Recognition

- Northern California Super Lawyers, 2024
- Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2012 – 2020

News & Insights

- Benesch Partner Shaneeda Jaffer Interviewed by CBS Bay Area on 49ers Owner Jed York's Arrest
  August 25, 2026 | Media Mentions
- HHS OIG Sends a Strong Warning to State Medicaid Fraud Control Units: Signals Aggressive Federal Oversight of State Medicaid Fraud Enforcement
  May 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Word on the Street: Insights from Federal Enforcement Leaders in the Northern District of California
  May 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- DOJ Strikes Again: Healthcare Fraud Enforcement Escalates as DOJ Deploys West Coast Strike Force
  May 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Shaneeda Jaffer Interviewed by Forbes Newsroom on MLB Gambling Scandal
  November 12, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Shaneeda Jaffer and Carlo Lipson Mentioned in Law360 for Representation of Wilton Rancheria in Union Arbitration Lawsuit
  August 26, 2025 | 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

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- TAKING AIM: AI and Compliance | Shaneeda Jaffer
  October 17, 2024 | Speaking Engagement