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Donovan Bonner represents employers in employment advice and litigation, serving private and public entities of all sizes and industries, including higher education institutions. With experience in contract negotiations, mergers and acquisitions, and general litigation, Donovan effectively navigates the laws affecting various types of businesses. He draws upon his previous in-house experience as a legal extern at Nike, Inc. and as a law clerk at Bonneville Power Administration to review property agreements, conduct comprehensive research on corporate, securities, trademark, and indemnity laws, and negotiate contracts with general and outside counsel. Donovan solves workplace challenges efficiently and effectively and offers his clients and colleagues an in-house perspective on how to tailor work to meet and exceed clients' needs.

Donovan prioritizes diversity initiatives in his professional and local community. He is an active member in the American Bar Association and was named a Scholar of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. He is Vice Chair of the Labor & Employment Committee and is a member of the Men of Color Project in the Young Lawyers Division. Through these roles, Donovan strives to empower others to become leaders in the legal profession. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Club. Donovan was a member of the Gus J. Solomon Inns of Court from 2017 to 2018.

Donovan earned his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law, where he was editor of the Oregon International Law Review. He received his B.S. from Menlo College, where he was a President's Scholarship Recipient and a Richard F. O'Brien Award Recipient.

Honors & Awards

Donovan was named a 2020 Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Professional Activities

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Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "30 Tips in 30 Minutes: Bar Exam Prep," American Bar Association Webinar (May 14, 2020)
- Co-Author, "Guidance for Employers Regarding the Coronavirus Outbreak," Daily Journal of Commerce (February 28, 2020)
- Panelist, Early Career Strategy Group, American Bar Association Campus Visit Series, Willamette

University School of Law (February 26, 2020)

- Presenter, “Oregon’s Workplace Fairness Act: Upcoming Requirements & Best Practices for Compliance,” CUPA-HR Fall Conference (November 8, 2019)
- Author, “The Oregon Equal Pay Law is Here, So Where Do I Begin?,” Cascade Business News (February 20, 2019)
- Author, “Exercising One’s Right to Free Speech Can Come With a Price,” Daily Journal of Commerce (June 25, 2018)
- Author, “Digital Accessibility: Building a Web-Based Environment Available to All,” Association of Corporate Counsel Oregon Newsletter (May 29, 2018)
- Co-Author, “Are Reasonable Accommodations ‘For the Birds?’,” Daily Journal of Commerce (March 23, 2018)

Education

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law (2017)

B.S., Menlo College (2014)