



Shari Manasseh Ohri

Of Counsel

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Shari Manasseh Ohri is an accomplished labor and employment law attorney serving private- and public-sector employers. Shari is skilled in all aspects of federal and state employment discrimination laws and handles cases arising under all state and federal fair employment practices statutes. She accompanies clients when they appear before administrative and judicial tribunals such as the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) as well as state and federal administrative agencies and courts. In addition to her employment defense work, Shari regularly represents large multi-unit property owners and management in fair housing matters.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Shari served as a Senior Attorney Advisor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and defended the agency in employment matters. She was responsible for providing advice and counsel on employee performance and discipline. In that role, she also litigated matters before the EEOC and the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), and served as co-counsel to Assistant U.S. Attorneys for matters in district courts. She further participated in many mediations and negotiated favorable settlements on behalf of the agency. Shari also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. General Services Administration where she specialized in adjudicating employment discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims filed against the employer. Prior to her work in the public sector, Shari worked as a defense litigator in New York City representing small and large companies in general litigation matters as well as landlord/tenant litigation.

Employment & Labor

Shari represents management and employers in employment cases. She has obtained numerous favorable defense rulings in discrimination and harassment claims related to the protected classes of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), national origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, disability, and non-sexual harassment (hostile work environment) brought before the EEOC. Shari also provides

Services

- Employment & Labor

advice and counsel, as well as formal trainings, to employers to establish best practices and mitigate risk in resolving issues before they result in litigation.

Education

- Penn State Law (J.D., 2012)
 - Brief Writer for U.S. Supreme Court Case, Civil Rights Appellate Clinic
 - Editor, Arbitration Law Review
 - Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant
 - Highest Scoring Team Oralist, Willem C. Vis. International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court
- Emory University (B.A., 2009)
 - Mortar Board National College Honor Society

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

Business Network International (BNI), McLean, Virginia chapter

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgment in favor of employer before the EEOC related to claims of sex (gender) discrimination and sexual harassment.

Served as first-chair counsel in hearing before the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board related to claims of disability discrimination by an applicant not selected for employment, and won judgment for the employer.

Obtained summary judgment for the employer before the EEOC for employee who alleged race discrimination upon failing to receive a promotion.

Obtained multiple summary judgment rulings for the employer before the EEOC for retaliation claims.

Publications

March 2026

Employment Tip of the Month – March 2026

February 5, 2026

**Bloomberg Law Publishes Manasseh Ohri Article on EEOC Harassment Guide
Rescission Implications**

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