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### Main Bio

Holly Cheong practices commercial litigation, focusing on financial services and insurance litigation. Her commercial bank litigation experience includes contractual breach, deficiency and receivership cases.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Holly worked as an environmental planner for the City of San Diego and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Her work experience as an environmental planner includes preparing environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, administering habitat conservation plans, and tracking legislation and regulations affecting water rights and public utilities. Holly also clerked for the Supreme Court of Nevada and, as a student attorney, briefed and argued an immigration appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### Education

- University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2010)
  - Articles Editor, Nevada Law Journal
  - Dean's Award
  - 10 CALI Awards
- San Diego State University (Master of City Planning, 2003)
- University of California at San Diego (B.S., Ecology, 1995)

### Professional Memberships & Activities

- UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
  - Alumni Leadership Circle (2016-present)
- UNLV Alumni Association, School of Law Chapter

### Representative Presentations & Publications

- "The Endangered Species Act and Habitat Conservation Plans," Co-Author, Plan. & Env'tl. L., at 4 (June 2014)
- "The Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan: 10 Years Later," Co-Author, Plan. & Env'tl. L., at 8 (June 2014)
- "[Individualized Assessments for Criminal Background Checks](#)," Author, Workplace Word (December 2012)

- "[You Drank My Milkshake! Accusations of Water Rights Takings](#)," Note, Estate of Hage v. United States, 10 Nev. L.J. 185 (2009)
- "[Saving a Rare Plant in an Urban Environment](#)," Co-Author, 33 Fremontia 18 (2005)

## **Professional Recognition & Awards**

- Honor Roll, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2012)

## **Community Involvement**

- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Volunteer (2011-2014)
- Allied Climbers of San Diego, Founding Member

## **Other Professional Experience**

- Supreme Court of Nevada, Law Clerk to Hon. Justice Kristina Pickering (2010-2011)
- Thomas and Mack Legal Clinic, Appellate Clinic Student Attorney (2009-2010)
  - Briefed and argued an appeal in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Southern Nevada Water Authority, Environmental Planner II (2004-2010)
- City of San Diego, Biologist (1998-2004)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Nevada
- California (inactive)

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Nevada
- United States District Court, District of Nevada
- United States District Court, Southern District of California