

# LEWIS ROCA ROTHGERBER CHRISTIE LAWYER APPOINTED TO COLLEGE OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS

## Press Release

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PHOENIX (July 10, 2019) – Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP labor and employment lawyer, Mary Ellen Simonson, has been selected as a Fellow of the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers. Members of the College are distinguished lawyers in the practice of labor and employment who set the standards of professionalism and civility, sharing their experience and knowledge through academia, the government, the judiciary and the community at large.

Simonson has over 30 years of experience in representing management in both the public and private sector in all aspects of employment relations. She routinely handles a wide variety of counseling and litigation matters, including litigation avoidance, employee discipline and terminations, defending/enforcing confidentiality, non-solicitation and non-competition agreements, trade secret disputes, workforce reductions, Title VII discrimination, retaliation and sexual harassment issues, internal investigations, executive employment agreements and severance agreements.

Simonson has served as outside general employment counsel for several national multi-million dollar companies and represents a variety of industries including manufacturing, equipment rental, financial, mortgage, health care and the arts. She has successfully been lead counsel in hundreds of significant state and federal court matters, including cases of statewide importance before the Arizona Supreme Court to clarify the state's notice of claim statute and public records law, obtained complete dismissal of complex restrictive covenant and discrimination lawsuits, and was lead trial and appellate counsel in the first case in the nation to uphold the constitutionality of a mandatory public school uniform policy.

As an active member in the community, Simonson serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Employment Law Alliance, the world's largest network of labor and employment lawyers. She is also a member of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section and served as Chair of the Executive Committee for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. She has been recognized by Chambers USA in the area of labor and employment since 2013 and has been

## Professionals

- Mary Ellen Simonson

## Practice Areas

- Labor and Employment

## Offices

- Phoenix

## Region

- Arizona

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named a Benchmark Litigation Labor & Employment Star for the past two years. Simonson has also been continually recognized by The Best Lawyers in America since 2014 and was also named ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year by The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

**About Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP**

Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP is an Am Law 200 commercial law firm handling complex matters in litigation, intellectual property, business transactions, gaming, government relations and other practice areas. Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie offices are located in Albuquerque, Colorado Springs, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Reno, Silicon Valley and Tucson. For more information, visit [lewisroca.com](http://lewisroca.com).

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