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## Shelby Hart-Armstrong

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### Overview

Shelby is a commercial trial lawyer who represents both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court. She has experience representing clients in a wide array of disputes, including contract, trade secret, fiduciary duty, fraud, and constitutional disputes.

Before joining SDM, Shelby served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edmond E. Chang of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Shelby previously practiced with Vinson & Elkins LLP in its Houston office.

Shelby received her J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she graduated with Highest Pro Bono Distinction. During law school, Shelby served as Articles Editor of the Stanford Law Review; an editor of the Stanford Law and Policy Review; Community Development Chair of the Stanford Law Black Law Student Association; and Project Leader for the Social Security Disability Project. Shelby continues to maintain an active pro bono practice today.

### Awards

- The National Black Lawyers' 2022 "Top 40 under 40 Black Lawyers" recognition

### Articles & Presentations

- Co-author, Corruption Defenses in Investment Arbitrations and Parallel Domestic Investigations and Proceedings, in the International Newsletter of the State Bar of Texas International Law Section (Summer 2020) and
- Co-author, [How Do Tribunals in Investment Arbitrations Treat Parallel Domestic Investigations and Proceedings?](#), [Kluwer Arbitration Blog \(Jun. 14, 2020\)](#)

## News & Insights

- SDM Welcomes New Associates to the Firm

## Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Torts
- Class Action Litigation
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation

## Education

Stanford Law School, J.D., 2019

- Articles Editor, Stanford Law Review
- Highest Pro Bono Distinction; Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Outstanding Performance in Community Law Clinic

Duke University, B.A., Public Policy Analysis, 2014

- Higher Distinction in Arabic Language; Certificate in Economic Policy Analysis
- Oxford University, New College (Visiting Scholar in History)

## Admissions

- Texas State Bar
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit