

**Lieff  
Cabraser  
Heimann &  
Bernstein**  
Attorneys at Law

## **Lydia Lee**

### **Of Counsel**

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP  
275 Battery Street, 29th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
m 405.317.1195  
t 405.340.7876  
llee@lchb.com



## **Upholding the Rights of Investors**

Lydia Lee is Of Counsel to our firm and has been practicing law for 40 years. She is an experienced and accomplished attorney specializing in corporate governance, pension practices, and fiduciary matters. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Lydia spent 19 years as the general counsel for a multi-billion dollar governmental retirement fund, advising a thirteen-member Board of Trustees and overseeing four different defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

Lydia has published articles on topics including fiduciary best practices and pension plan administration. She is also a member of numerous legal and pension organizations, including the Oklahoma Bar Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, where she has served on the Executive Board and is the former President. In addition, Lydia currently served as an administrative law judge for several Oklahoma state agencies, including the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission and the Oklahoma Department of Labor.

Lydia has substantial responsibility for client communications. She frequently counsels public funds and other institutional investors with respect to corporate and board governance principles and fiduciary liability issues. She also has a significant role in advising our clients on such issues and is available to serve as governmental liaison to our institutional investor clients.

## **Areas of Practice**

Securities & Investor Fraud

## **Education**

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - 1983

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma - 1980

## **Bar Admissions**

Oklahoma, 1983

U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit  
U.S. District Court Western District of Oklahoma  
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Oklahoma

## Professional Associations and Memberships

Ruth Bader Ginsberg Inn of Court, 2015-present, Outstanding Master of the Bench, 2016 – 2017  
American Bar Association Judge for NAAC Regional Student Moot Court competitions, 2017-present  
Edmond Neighborhood Alliance Board of Directors, 2005 – Present; President, 2012 – 2013, 2006 – 2007  
Oklahoma Bar Association, Member, 1983 – present; OBA Women in Law Committee, 2007 – 2013; Bench and Bar Committee, 2013 – present; Government and Administrative Law Practice Section, 2009-present  
National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, 1988 – Present, President, 2002 – 2004, Vice-President 2001 – 2002, Executive Board member, 1998 – 2004, Chair of Benefits Section, Emeritus Board member, 2004-present  
Edmond Sun newspaper, Editorial Board member 2014-2021  
Edmond Way newspaper, Editorial Board member 2021-present  
Edmond Planning Commission, 2008 – 2010  
Central Edmond Urban Development Board, 2006 – 2008  
Midwest City Regional Hospital, Board of Governors, Served on Physician/Hospital Organization Board, Pension and Insurance Trust Committees, and Chairman of Woman's Health Committee, 1992 – 1996  
City of Midwest City, Planning Commission, 1984 – 1998, Chairman, 1990 – 1995, Vice-Chairman, 1987 – 1990, Served on Capital Improvement Committee, Airport Zoning Commission (Tinker AFB), and Parkland Review Board, served on Midwest City Legislative Reapportionment Committee, 1991

## Past Employment Positions

Law Office of Lydia Lee, Partner, 2005 - 2008  
Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, General Counsel, 1985 - 2005  
Law Firm of Howell & Webber, Associate, 1983 - 1985

## Published Works & Appearances

Moderator, "What Makes a Good Securities Case: Essentials for Public Funds," NCPERS Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE), May 2024  
National Association of Public Pension Attorneys  
Benefits Subcommittee, Chair – moderator/speaker: February 1996-June 2007  
Small and Medium Fund Affinity Group, Convenor – moderator/speaker: June, 2011; June, 2012; June, 2013; June, 2014; June, 2015; June, 2016; Defined Contribution Plan Affinity Group – moderator, June 2017, 2023; New Member Session, June 2018-present  
National Conference on Public Employees Retirement Systems  
Public Safety Employees Conference: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, the Sequel", October, 2011; "Top Ten Practices of Highly Performing Public Retirement Boards", October, 2015  
Trustee Education Seminar: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, the Pension Edition", May, 2012; "Who wants to be a Fiduciary?", April, 2014  
Annual Conference: "In the beginning – Trustee 101", May, 2023; "Avoiding Front-page Scandals at your Pension Fund", May, 2013  
Oklahoma Public Fund Trustee Education Conference  
"Pay to Play and Best Practices", October, 2010  
Oklahoma Employees Benefit Council  
"Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Discrimination", August, 2008

Oklahoma Bar Association  
Opinion Writing Seminar, December, 2005  
Fire and Police Funds Summit (Information Management Network)  
“Understanding Your Fiduciary Obligations”, June, 2005  
Special Problems in Dividing Retirement for Employees of the State of Oklahoma, (co-author),  
2002 OBA/FLS Practice Manual, Chapter 27.3  
QDROs for Oklahoma’s Public Pension Plans, Oklahoma Family Law Journal, Volume 13,  
September, 1998  
Featured Guest Speaker, Saturday Night Law, KTOK Radio  
Contributor and Editor, INFRE Course Books for CRA program