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Namita S. Brown is a partner in the firm's Oakland office and is the founding co-chair of the firm's eMatters practice group. In this leadership role she keeps the firm and its clients in front of the legal issues that stem from technology in today's education environment. As the benefits from technological advances are counterbalanced by social consequences, Ms. Brown's counsel on cyber conduct and technology use has become much sought-after. She co-created the popular ACSA workshop "Logged On," which provides to education leaders statewide cutting-edge information on social media and cyber behavior, offering guidance on employee and student codes of conduct. She is a frequent speaker on digital citizenship and responsible use of technology, and is recognized as an expert on collective bargaining implications of integrating technology into the curriculum.

A seasoned negotiator, Ms. Brown's collective bargaining expertise makes her a popular counselor and speaker on negotiations topics. She negotiates collective bargaining agreements on behalf of school districts statewide using both traditional and interest-based approaches. She has represented the Education Legal Alliance in matters of statewide significance that impact the educational and programmatic needs of K-12 school districts, such as *Hildebrant v. St. Helena*. Ms. Brown has expertly represented clients in employment litigation ranging from race, gender, disability and national origin discrimination to sexual harassment claims and has appeared before federal and state courts, the Public Employment Relations Board, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, EEOC, DFEH and OCR on behalf of school districts.

Ms. Brown is recognized statewide for her expertise on the Romero Bill and Open Enrollment. A popular speaker on issues impacting education, Ms. Brown presents before CSBA, CASBO, ACSA Personnel Academy, ACSA Negotiators Symposium and NSBA. She has also presented on general arbitration issues and strategies as part of education series sponsored by Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the American Arbitration Association. Ms. Brown also serves as President of the California Council of School Attorneys.

Prior to joining F3, Ms. Brown worked as an Associate City Attorney for the City of Atlanta Law Department where she successfully argued on behalf of clients before the United States Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit, notably *Thomas v. Harvard, City of Atlanta et. al.*

Ms. Brown received her Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas in 1996 where she was a Fred A. Seeman Merit Scholar. She holds a bachelor's degree *cum laude*, from the University of New Mexico. She is licensed to practice law in California and Georgia.