

# Jesse Cripps, Michele Maryott and Katherine Smith Named Among California's Top Employment Lawyers for 2022

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The *Daily Journal* named Los Angeles partners [Jesse Cripps](#) and [Katherine Smith](#) and Orange County partner [Michele Maryott](#) to its 2022 list of Top Labor & Employment Lawyers in California. The list was published on June 29, 2022. Jesse Cripps has handled the full range of labor and employment matters under both federal and state law, specializing in the defense of high-risk, complex and class action employment litigation. His representative matters include the defense of statewide and nationwide employment class actions, the representation of employers in high-stakes non-compete and trade secret disputes, and the defense of discrimination, retaliation, and whistleblowing claims. Katherine Smith serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group. She has extensive experience representing employers in individual, representative and class action litigation at both the trial court and appellate level. Her practice focuses on high stakes litigation matters such as large-scale class actions, actions brought under the California PAGA, whistleblower retaliation cases, and executive disputes. Michele Maryott litigated a wide range of labor and employment matters, including defending employers against wage and hour and discrimination class actions, and retaliation, sexual harassment, wrongful termination and whistleblower claims in federal and state courts, as well as in administrative proceedings and arbitrations.

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