

Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act: What Attorneys Should Know About this New Law to Support Survivors

**Legal Network for Gender Equity Webinar
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Speaker List and Biographies**



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Shelby Leighton (she/her) is a senior staff attorney in Public Justice's Access to Justice Project. She litigates high-impact cases, particularly appeals, with the goal of making the civil court system a fair, equitable, and effective tool for those with less power to win just outcomes and hold those with more power accountable, including cases involving workers' rights, civil rights, access to courts, and consumer protection. One emphasis of Shelby's work is fighting employers' use of forced arbitration to keep workers from having their day in court, including advocating for a broad interpretation of the Ending Forced Arbitration in Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act and litigating appeals involving cutting edge issues around the formation and enforceability of arbitration agreements.



Shane Seppinni (he/him) is the founder of Seppinni LLP, an employee rights trial law firm in New York City. Since founding Seppinni LLP, Shane Seppinni has recovered millions of dollars for working people and established new legal precedent that broadens access to America's judicial system for all victims of sexual harassment and assault. A graduate of Stanford Law School and Cornell University's ILR School, Shane worked as a Civil Rights Public Defender at the Bronx Defenders and an Associate Trial Lawyer at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP before founding Seppinni LLP. Shane Seppinni spends his time outside of work with his wife, son, and their poodle in Brooklyn, NY.