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Brandy L. DeOrnellas is an associate at Roisman Henel LLP. She is a member of the East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers and the State Bar of California Trusts and Estates Section. She is also on the Advisory Committee for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform's (CANHR) Lawyer Referral Service.

Brandy graduated with Highest Honors from the University of California, Berkeley, with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Social Welfare, also receiving Departmental Honors. During her time at UC Berkeley, Brandy worked as an advocate for AARP, became a Long Term Care Ombudsman for Alameda County, and started a service group to bring volunteers into nursing facilities. She was awarded the UC Berkeley Social Welfare Alumni Community Service Award, given annually to one Social Welfare graduate for service.

After her time at UC Berkeley, Brandy became a Senate Fellow in the California Legislature, assisting with California policy reform in the areas of elder welfare, education, and pregnancy disability.

Brandy attended Harvard Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor. At Harvard Law, she was an editor for the *Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* and the *Harvard Journal on Law and Gender*. She was also on the board of the Women's Law Association and worked as a certified mediator through the Harvard Mediation Program. While at Harvard, she became a James Vorenberg Equal Justice Fellow and a Ms. JD Fellow.

Upon completing law school, Brandy received the Borchard Law in Aging Fellowship and the Harvard Law PSVF Fellowship to work as an elder abuse attorney at Legal Assistance for Seniors in Oakland. She joins Roisman Henel after many years of serving seniors and their families.

Education and Professional Background:

Roisman Henel LLP, Associate, 2015 to present
Legal Assistance for Seniors, 2014-2015
Harvard Law School, J.D., 2014
California Senate Fellow, 2006-2011
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 2010

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Amicus Curiae:

Submitted brief as *Amicus Curiae* (friend of the court) to the Supreme Court of Washington, filed September 20th, 2013, which was reviewed by the Court. The brief reviewed the “best interest of the child” legal standard in Family Court and presented social science research that demonstrates the importance of maintaining the grandparent-grandchild relationship where the child has engendered a bond with the grandparent.

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