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Practice Areas

Litigation and Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, Appellate Practice, Aviation Litigation, Intellectual Property and Technology, Employment Law - U.S., Employment Law, U.S. Employment Investigations, Korea Practice

Education

Columbia Law School (J.D., 1997); Harvard University (M.A., 1994); Yale University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1991)

Bar Admissions

New York State; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Alexandra Wald's practice focuses on general commercial litigation, employment litigation, and intellectual property litigation. Her clients have included companies and individuals in the financial services (investment banks and hedge funds), manufacturing, renewable energy, consumer products, aerospace, and consulting industries, among others. She has advised clients with regards to contract disputes including breach of contract, allegations of fraud, trade secrets, and shareholder litigation. She has counseled numerous employers and employees in connection with separation from employment and restrictions on competition, in addition to issues relating to alleged discrimination and sexual harassment. Alexandra has regularly represented clients in intellectual property litigation, particularly relating to trade secrets, patent infringement, and trade dress.

Alexandra has twice received the BTI Client Service Award, which is an award granted on the basis of unsolicited recommendation by a Fortune 500 client for outstanding service. She was selected to become a member of the Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society. Alexandra has been named one of New York's *Super Lawyers* for business litigation each year since 2013 and was twice selected by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 50 women lawyers in the New York metropolitan area.

Alexandra is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where she was a James Kent Scholar and Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and was on the Editorial Boards of the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems and the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law. Alexandra formerly served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Reginald C. Lindsay of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and she practiced with Cravath, Swaine & Moore. She is a member of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is fluent in written French.

Representative Commercial Litigation Matters

Represent consulting firm in claim to obtain engagement fee.

Successfully represented renewable energy company in obtaining declaratory judgment in contract dispute with shareholders and former executive that was affirmed on appeal.

Represented investors in savings & loan holding company in action against U.S. government for breach of contract after government reneged on agreement regarding minimum capital requirements. Conducted deposition and expert discovery and served on trial team resulting in verdict in excess of \$300 million in reliance damages.

Represented lighting manufacturing company in suit for consequential damages arising from breach of contract to deliver critical machinery. Achieved early settlement on highly favorable terms.

Defended investment bank's real estate subsidiary in connection with allegations of fraud and breach of contract in the purchase of a chain of assisted living companies.

Represented hedge fund in action to enforce contract covenants in credit agreement with portfolio company.

Represented investment bank in suit for fraud and breach of contract arising from complex purchase and resale transactions involving defective aircraft equipment leasing certificates. Matter settled on favorable terms.

Represented collectables company in suit for breach of licensing agreement containing minimum purchase requirements with QVC.

Represented majority members of limited liability company in dispute over member's resignation to form a competing company; obtained ruling that resigning member was liable for wrongful resignation based on LLC Agreement.

Successful defense of departing employees from major public consulting company against claims of misappropriation of trade secret, breach of restrictive covenant and breach of Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Represented individual financial advisor employed by major investment bank in fraud action brought by investors in third party's Ponzi scheme.

Obtained partial summary judgment on behalf of major manufacturer of holiday collectables in action alleging breach of contract and fraud; matter settled on favorable terms.

Obtained partial summary judgment for defendant in suit on fee agreement by licensing agent; matter settled on favorable terms.

Advised and represented investment bank against claims in Enron bankruptcy.

Obtained summary judgment enforcing foreign award in favor of senior mortgagor, dismissal of counterclaims, and appointment of receiver for midtown hotel.

Represented independent manufacturer in antitrust litigation against Fortune 500 competitor; matter was settled on favorable terms after Defendant answered amended complaint.

Representative Employment Matters

Represented plaintiffs in action challenging compliance of Jefferson County, Alabama with consent decree after findings of discrimination in hiring of firefighters and police.

Defended cosmetics company against claim of discrimination on basis of race in selection of preferred vendors brought by preferred vendor applicant; matter settled after filing of pre-discovery motion for summary judgment.

Defended event planning company against allegations of sexual harassment.

Represented staffing firm in action based on alleged "raiding."

Represented employer in action to enforce restrictive covenant.

Represented blind government employee in action alleging discrimination in workplace; matter resolved by implementation of assistive measures.

Regularly counsel employers on employment law issues, including compliance with equal opportunity laws.

Representative Intellectual Property and Technology Matters

Successfully obtained a preliminary injunction for our client, a leading provider of specialty tax software, to prevent a competitor from misappropriating our client's trade secrets, using our client's software to check the accuracy of its own computer programs, and interfering or causing others to interfere with our client's contractual relationships.

Representing an individual inventor against a large aircraft manufacturer in a patent infringement action covering fire suppression technology.

Defended major manufacturer in litigation alleging infringement of patent for child's drinking cup valve; summary judgment of non-infringement granted in favor of defendant following expert reports and claim construction.

Defended a major Korean computer manufacturer in a patent infringement case involving five computer hardware and software patents.

Defended manufacturer of high-end residential home fittings in suit by competitor alleging infringement of trade dress allegedly existing in doorknob product.

Protection of portfolio of copyrights for leading manufacturer of luxury holiday collectables, including cease and desist letters, motions to seek expedited discovery to determine identity of contributing infringers such as suppliers and manufacturers, discovery, litigation, and negotiation of settlements on favorable terms.

Represented United States branch of international human rights organization in negotiating terms of transfer of their archive to Columbia University Library.

Representative Constitutional Law Matters

Amicus brief on behalf of American Bar Association in Sixth Circuit appeal supporting University of Michigan Law School's measures to increase diversity in legal profession in *Grutter v. Bollinger*.

Amicus brief on behalf of American Judicature Society on behalf of judges opposing restrictions on government funded lawyers in *Legal Services v. Velasquez*.

Petition for Certiorari on behalf of Times Square Business Improvement District seeking to uphold New York City's zoning regulations pertaining to adult businesses in First Amendment challenge.

Represent New York State's judges in challenge to lack of judicial pay raises under State Constitution.

Counsel National Federation of the Blind in matters related to equal access to places of public accommodation for the blind and vision impaired.

Activities and Affiliations

Member, Advisory Board of Law Clerks for Diversity

Member, New York City Bar Association (Professional Discipline Committee)

Member, American Bar Association (Co-Chair, Ethics Sub-Committee, Business and Litigation Section)

Member, New York State Bar Association

Board Member, National Center for Law and Economic Justice