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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Complex & Business
Litigation

Intellectual Property
Litigation

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School
(J.D., Harlan Fiske Stone
Scholar, 2011)

Georgetown University
(B.A., *magna cum laude*,
2008)

ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island

Massachusetts

Connecticut

New Hampshire

U.S. District Court,
District of Rhode Island

U.S. District Court,
District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court,
District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court,

OVERVIEW

Brenna litigates business disputes. She represents businesses in a wide array of complex commercial and intellectual property matters. Brenna has helped clients win their cases in state and federal court in multiple jurisdictions on issues ranging from large class action cases to small shareholder and breach of contract disputes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Served as second chair in a false patent marking trial in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington in which the client won judgment as a matter of law.
- Second-chaired a trial and obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a healthcare company in a \$3 million premises liability case.
- Obtained a complete defense verdict in a jury trial in U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island for a luxury hotel chain that was sued by a person who was physically assaulted in a hotel lobby.
- Represented a food distribution company that conducted a nationwide product recall due to salmonella contamination of its products through tainted pepper. Obtained a \$33 million judgment against one spice company defendant, resolved all claims against the other spice company and successfully pursued all other responsible parties.
- Principally responsible for a matter in which AP&S obtained the dismissal of case against the largest British commercial bank alleging violations of the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act in U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut and successfully defended that decision on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- Drafted successful motion for judgment on the pleadings with regard to federal and state RICO class action claims asserted against a publicly traded

District of New
Hampshire
U.S. Court of Appeals for
the First and Second
Circuits

international metals recycling company.

- Drafted successful motion to dismiss a putative class action complaint by student loan borrowers alleging violations of the Truth in Lending Act in the United States District Court for the District of Maine.
- Successfully opposed class certification on behalf of a commercial bank accused of violating Vermont consumer fraud law by charging overdraft fees to certain accounts.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a national bank in a negligent misrepresentation case brought by a customer victimized by a fraudulent check/wire transfer scheme.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a mortgage lender accused of violating the appraiser independence provisions of the Truth in Lending Act.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of an employer wrongfully accused of violating the Massachusetts Wage Act for declining to pay a former employee certain discretionary incentive compensation.
- Successfully opposed a motion for preliminary injunctive relief brought by a vendor whose contract was terminated, resulting in voluntary dismissal of the case.
- Obtained dismissal of a class action brought pursuant to the Rhode Island Deceptive Trade Practice Act alleging that an attorney engaged in deceptive advertising. Named one of the top 10 most important decisions of 2013 by *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*.
- Obtained dismissal of a breach of contract case in Massachusetts federal court against a South Carolina manufacturing company.

SEMINARS / PUBLICATIONS

- Social Media in Litigation, MetLife Auto & Home 2015 House Counsel Conference, May 7, 2015.

HONORS

- Named a Rhode Island *Rising Star* by *Super Lawyers*, 2015 - 2018.
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Columbia Law School.
- Notes Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University.



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Rhode Island Bar Association.
- Member, Federal Bar Association.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Secretary, Rhode Island Career and Technical Education Trust
- Leadership Rhode Island, Xi II Class (2018)