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Christina M. Seda-Acosta is Counsel in the firm's Litigation department. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including breach of contract and fraud disputes, as well as internal investigations. From 2016 to 2017, Ms. Seda-Acosta served as a law clerk to the Hon. Nelson S. Román of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

### **Representative Matters**

Representation of a payments technology company in a False Claims Act case alleging failure to remit escheatable unclaimed property to the state.

Representation of a medical products and technologies company in a dispute relating to a supplier's purchase of a competitor following receipt of commercially sensitive and proprietary information.

Representation of a major medical device company in a multibillion-dollar dispute involving milestone payments following the merger and acquisition of another healthcare company.

Representation of a commercial real estate holding company in a breach of contract case involving a former employee.

Representation of an art advisor in a dispute in New York state court involving the claim for return of a valuable gem purchased by client at an auction.

Representation of a large manufacturer of auto parts in an action alleging wrongful termination of a contract and fraud that resulted in a favorable settlement for our client.

Representation of a fintech company in a putative securities class action and related derivative actions against allegations that an alleged stock promotional scheme rendered certain corporate representations misleading.

Conduct internal investigations into employee practices relating to allegations of the advertisement of products for unapproved use, inappropriate behavior regarding vendor selection, violations of health care compliance standards, and claims of discrimination.

### **Pro Bono**

Representation of the family of a young Black man who was shot and killed by the police.

Representation of a veteran in connection with an application for a discharge upgrade.

Secured a preliminary injunction for a husband and wife that had been prevented from living together because the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision imposed a blanket ban that individuals on supervised release are not permitted to fraternize with each other, in violation of their constitutional rights. As a result of our efforts, our clients were granted preliminary relief to function and live as a married couple. We subsequently achieved a favorable settlement for our client.

Argued appeal before the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department on behalf of Defendant-Appellee in connection with a Batson challenge.

## Admissions

- New York

## Professional Activities

- Member, New York City Bar Association Education and the Law Committee
- Member of the Board of Directors, The TEAK Fellowship
- Member, DEIB Subcommittee, Board of Directors, The TEAK Fellowship
- Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2022-2023)
- Member, Patterson Belknap Diversity Committee
- Led creation and production of [Judicial Clerkships Podcast](#)
- Led development of [TEAK Fellowship-Patterson Belknap Internship Program](#)

## Publications

- [Breaking Down Barriers to Judicial Clerkships – 5 Questions Asked & Answered](#) (American Bar Association's *Before the Bar Blog*)

## Education

- Yale Law School (J.D., 2014)
  - Editor, *Yale Law & Policy Review*
  - Co-Director, Advocacy for Children and Youth Clinic
  - Vice President, Black Law Students Association
- Trinity College (B.A., *with honors*, 2009)
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Fulbright Scholar, 2010

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September 12, 2023

### **Zoom Reverses Course on Contemplated Use of Customer Content to Train Artificial Intelligence**

Zoom's recent reversal on changes to its terms of service illustrates both data security and privacy minefields particular to the growth of generative AI. Previously, the terms of service of the popular videoconferencing technology stated that it would...

February 9, 2021

### **New York Has More to Say About Consumer Data Privacy**

As the national landscape of data privacy laws evolves, New York may be poised to follow California in passing legislation that creates new data rights for New York consumers. New York is no stranger to this field. The New...

May 14, 2020

### **New York State AG Probe of Zoom Results in Enhanced Cybersecurity Practices**

The Zoom videoconferencing platform has been a constant fixture in recent news as the coronavirus pandemic has caused businesses around the world to flock to it, exposing significant cybersecurity and privacy concerns. These concerns drew the attention of...

February 4, 2020

### **The SEC Issues Observations on Cybersecurity and Resiliency Measures**

Last week, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations ("OCIE") issued a list of recommendations for institutions to enhance their cybersecurity preparedness and operational resiliency. These observations – based upon the examination of thousands...

August 1, 2019

### **New York's SHIELD Act Is Signed Into Law**

Last Thursday, Governor Cuomo signed New York's latest data security bill – the Stop Hacks and Improve Electronic Data Security, or "SHIELD" Act. The Act, which we have followed on this blog since November 2017, imposes new notification...

June 11, 2019

### **Millions of Patient Records Exposed in Breach at Medical Testing Giants' Third-Party Vendor**

It's been a tough week for the healthcare industry. Just days after Quest Diagnostics reported a breach at a third-party vendor affecting approximately 11.9 million of its patients, LabCorp disclosed that a breach at the same vendor exposed the...

April 25, 2019

### **Online Trust Alliance Audit Hands Feds Rare Honor**

The federal government's record for effective cyber defenses of its own websites has not been stellar over the past few years. Federal government agencies ranging from the Office of Personnel Management to the National Archives have suffered data breaches,...

October 16, 2018

### **Another Hack in the Education Sector: 40 Million Records Exposed**

A recent data breach at Chegg Inc., the online educational technology company, serves as the most recent reminder that the education sector remains a target for hackers. Last month, Chegg reported, on a Form 8-K disclosure filed with the...

April 30, 2018

### **The Tale of LabMD: New lawsuits charge ethics violations and fake data breaches**

The LabMD data security case is anything but dull. An 8-year (and counting) fight with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, a U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee investigation into allegations of government overreach and collusion, a...

February 5, 2018

### **A (Secondary) Education in Data Security**

On January 18, 2018, the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") announced that one of its vendors, Questar Assessment, experienced a data breach resulting in the unauthorized disclosure of personal information from students in five different New York schools....