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Diana Conner is Counsel in the Firm's Litigation department. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and white collar defense. She represents clients before both trial and appellate courts on a variety of matters, including civil forfeiture actions, suits against banks that sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities, disputes involving major media companies, and other commercial litigation matters. From 2013 to 2014, Ms. Conner served as a law clerk to the Hon. Colleen McMahon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Representative Matters

Represents not-for-profit foundation in civil asset forfeiture proceedings brought by the U.S. Government and in related lawsuits brought under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, including on appeal to the Second Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Represents financial guaranty insurers in suits against banks that sponsored and originated residential mortgage-backed securities, including on appeal to the New York Appellate Division and the New York Court of Appeals.

Represents investors in trust instructional proceedings concerning the proper distribution of funds to holders of residential mortgage-backed securities.

Advises investors in connection with potential claims arising from structured finance transactions, including analysis of rights and remedies under transaction documents and assessment of claims seeking repurchase of collateral.

Defends major media company against breach-of-contract claims related to production of reality television show.

Defended pharmaceutical company in federal multidistrict litigation against personal injury claims arising from the use of prescription drugs.

Defended law firm against claims of legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty.

Pro Bono

Represented Islamic society asserting violations of its rights under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and obtained landmark ruling under that statute.

Represents client in appeal of burglary conviction to the New York Appellate Division and the New York Court of Appeals.

Patterson Belknap

Represented youthful offenders seeking to avoid the payment of court fees on the basis of their financial hardship.

Represented client in administrative proceeding to seal records concerning unfounded allegations of child neglect.

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D., 2012)
 - Gerald Gunther Prize
- Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S., 2008)

Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- New York
- District of Columbia

Professional Activities

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Presenter, "Annual Post-Conviction Capital Defense Training Program," New York City Bar Association CLE Program (July 25, 2017)