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Jacqueline Bonneau is Counsel in the Firm's Litigation department. Her practice focuses on employment and complex commercial litigation and investigations. Ms. Bonneau advises a variety of employers, including nonprofit organizations, professional associations, educational institutions and major corporations in connection with a range of employment compliance issues. She also represents clients through all stages of litigation, including pre-litigation counseling, mediation, trial, and appeal. From 2012 to 2014, Ms. Bonneau served as a law clerk to the Hon. Janet Bond Arterton of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Ms. Bonneau was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch for 2021 and 2022 in the practice area of Litigation - Labor and Employment.

Representative Matters

Employment Litigation and Counseling

Advice and counseling to employers with respect to employment compliance issues, including disability and accommodations, discrimination and harassment, wage and hour laws, and hiring practices.

Advice and counseling to nonprofit organizations on workplace safety and related compliance issues arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Advice and counseling to boards of directors on the development and enforcement of anti-discrimination policies in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

Successfully defended nonprofit animal hospital in litigations arising out of employee terminations in connection with Equal Pay Act, whistleblower retaliation, defamation, and tortious interference claims.

Successfully defended nonprofit federation of scholarly societies in connection with breach of contract and related claims brought by volunteer.

Advised university in connection with response to threatened wrongful termination claim.

Represented home health care agency in connection with a putative wage and hour class action.

Represented professional association in an EEOC mediation relating to allegations of age discrimination.

Represented nonprofit organization in connection with response to third-party subpoena seeking personnel records.

Conducted internal investigation of allegations of bullying, workplace discrimination and sexual harassment on behalf of law firm.

Conducted internal investigation of allegations of age, race, disability, and gender discrimination, and retaliation on behalf of global healthcare company.

Conducted internal investigation of allegations of race discrimination and implicit bias on behalf of nonprofit organization.

Commercial Litigation and Internal Investigations

Representing financial guaranty insurers bringing claims in state court against investment banks that sponsored and originated residential mortgage-backed securities, including trial of breach of contract claims in New York Supreme Court.

Defended law firms in connection with claims of legal malpractice.

Defended pet food and consumer products manufacturers in cases involving false advertising claims.

Defended and conducted investigations on behalf of corporations in connection with potential allegations arising under the Sherman Act; the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and other federal and state laws.

Defended corporations in connection with investigations by state attorneys general and district attorneys.

Defended individuals in connection with potential allegations arising under federal securities and healthcare fraud laws.

Pro Bono

Representing group of nursing home residents challenging constitutional and statutory violations in the administration of the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver Program by the New York State Department of Health and its contractor.

Represented military veteran in connection with an application for a discharge upgrade.

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 2011)
 - Executive Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*
 - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2008)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- New York

Professional Activities

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: "New York Practice: The What, Where & How of Commencing a Lawsuit and Serving Parties," New York City Bar CLE Webinar (July 21, 2022; July 15, 2021; July 23, 2020); "Litigating Yellowstone Injunctions: Key Legal Considerations and Recent Developments," PLI Webinar (July 7, 2021)

Publications

- Editor and Co-Manager of the [NY Commercial Division Blog](#)
- Co-Author, Two-Part Article for *Westlaw* titled "Yellowstone Injunctions: Tolling the Cure Period in New York Lease Disputes"
 - [Part 1](#), August 9, 2021
 - [Part 2](#), August 16, 2021
 - [Part 3](#), August 23, 2021
- Co-Author, "[Key Legal Considerations in Obtaining and Defending Against 'Yellowstone' Injunctions](#)," *New York Law Journal* (June 18, 2021)
- Co-author, "[Trends in CLO Collateral and Performance](#)," *Bloomberg Law* (October 2020)
- Co-author, "[NY Lenders May Face Barriers In Real Estate Dispositions](#)," *Law360* (September 21, 2020)
- Co-author, Two-Part Article for *Business Crimes Bulletin* on The Supreme Court's Criminal Law Decisions in 2018
 - [Part 1](#), November, 2018
 - [Part 2](#), December, 2018
- Co-author, Two-Part Article for *Business Crimes Bulletin* on Disproportionate Asset Forfeitures
 - Part 1: "[Challenging Disproportionate Forfeitures](#)," May 2, 2018
 - Part 2: "[Addressing Disproportionate Forfeitures: Refining The Bajakajian Analysis](#)," June 6, 2018
- Co-author, "[In Rare Ruling Vacating Sentence as Procedurally, Substantively Unreasonable, Second Circuit Expounds on the Role of Mercy](#)," Bloomberg BNA's *White Collar Crime Report* (January 10, 2018)
- Co-author, "[Supreme Court Unanimously Holds SEC Disgorgement Is Subject to Five-Year Limitations Period](#)," Bloomberg BNA's *White Collar Crime Report* (June 9, 2017)
- Note, "Combating Foreign Bribery: Legislative Reform in the United Kingdom and Prospects for Increased Global Enforcement," 49 *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 365 (2011)