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Leigh Barnwell is an Associate in the Firm's Litigation department. From 2015 to 2016, Ms. Barnwell served as a law clerk to the Hon. Kimba M. Wood of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Representative Matters

Represents financial guaranty insurers in fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty actions concerning residential mortgage-backed securities.

Represents not-for-profit foundation in civil asset forfeiture proceedings brought by the U.S. Government and in several private lawsuits brought under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.

Defended a historic church in litigation under the Visual Artist Rights Act relating to the placement of a work of art.

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

Successfully represented a special education student *pro bono* in seeking proper educational programs and reimbursement.

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015)
 - Executive Submissions Editor, *Journal of Law and Gender*
- University of Edinburgh (M.Sc., *with distinction*, 2007)
- Stanford University (B.A., 2006)

Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- New York

Publications

- Co-author, "[New York's Cybersecurity Regulation for Financial Institutions, A New Age of Cybersecurity Regulation: Raising the Bar and Demanding Leadership Accountability](#)," *Bloomberg Law* (April 17, 2017)

Publications

September 15, 2020

DOL Issues Revised Regulations on COVID-19-Related Leave Under the FFCRA

September 8, 2020

Department of Labor Issues Additional Guidance on COVID-19-Related Leave Based on School Reopening

August 5, 2020

Federal Judge in SDNY Strikes Down Key Limitations on Leave Under the FFCRA

May 4, 2020

CARES Act: Unemployment Relief

April 20, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Additional Guidance and Developments for Employers

April 6, 2020

New York Court of Appeals Delivers News to Employers in *Postmates* Case: Couriers are Employees, Not Independent Contractors

April 3, 2020

Documentation Requirements for COVID-19-Related Leave

March 30, 2020

Update on Federal Requirements for COVID-19 Related Leave: DOL Guidance and Model Notice

April 17, 2017

New York's Cybersecurity Regulations for Financial Institutions & Health Care