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Michelle Cohen is an experienced litigator, now serving as Patterson Belknap's Chief People, Diversity and Professional Development Officer. In this role, Ms. Cohen is responsible for leading the development and execution of the Firm's Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, and Professional Development strategies. She collaborates with Firm leadership to help make Patterson Belknap the best professional home in New York City, maintaining an atmosphere and culture of civility, dignity, inclusion, and respect in which all Firm personnel can engage and flourish.

Ms. Cohen is also Of Counsel in the Firm's litigation department, where she represents clients in all aspects of litigation in federal and state courts. Her primary areas of practice involve commercial litigation and the defense of consumer class actions, including false advertising claims. She also advises clients in internal investigations, in responding to inquiries and subpoenas from government and regulatory agencies. Ms. Cohen has been named a Rising Star by the *New York Law Journal*. Rising Star recognition is awarded to attorneys who have "established a record of accomplishments and demonstrated that they are top contributors to the practice of law and their communities." Ms. Cohen was also named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hotlist" in 2016 and 2017. The list recognizes "practitioners, all aged 40 or younger, [who] have been deemed the most promising emerging talent in their respective litigation communities in the US and Canadian litigation community by peers and clients."

Ms. Cohen graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received her JD from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif. Before joining the Firm, Ms. Cohen served as Law Clerk to the Hon. Louis L. Stanton, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2004)
 - Symposia Editor, *Cardozo Law Review*
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1999)

Admissions

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

Professional Activities

Patterson Belknap

MEMBERSHIPS: New York State Bar Association; The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

HONORS: Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hotlist" in 2016 and 2017; Named as a "2016 Rising Star" by the *New York Law Journal*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Presenter, "Shining the Light on the Third-Party Litigation Funding," American Conference Institute's 22nd Annual Conference on Drug & Medical Device Litigation (December 5, 2017); Presenter, "Law Firms, Ethics and Cybersecurity," Practising Law Institute Webcast (July 21, 2016); Moderator, "Litigation Trends in Data Breaches," Georgetown Law's 4th Annual Cybersecurity Law Institute (May 25, 2016)