



Allison Fihma Drachman Partner

adrachman@schnader.com

Office: New York, NY

Phone Number: 212-973-8161

Ms. Fihma Drachman has more than 10 years of litigation, arbitration and mediation experience.

She handles a variety of cases involving product liability, toxic tort, premises liability and construction defect claims. Her practice also includes insurance coverage work, analyzing issues related to allegations of breaches of professional liability. Her clients range from small "mom-and-pop" shops and private individuals to multi-national corporations, municipalities, manufacturers and suppliers.

Ms. Fihma Drachman chairs Schnader's Women LEAD (Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Development). She also serves as Schnader's Pro Bono Coordinator in New York. She organizes the provision of pro bono services in areas including immigration assistance, animal welfare, veterans' assistance, gender discrimination and Superstorm Sandy relief.

Prior to joining Schnader, Ms. Fihma Drachman worked for the New York City Law Department/Office of Corporation Counsel and the United Nations Department of Political Affairs.

Representative Matters

- Defends large municipality in claims of exposure to various toxins, including TCE, PCBs, mold, lead and asbestos. Successfully won summary dismissals of various actions for alleged exposure to

toxins at public schools.

- Represents a supplier of asbestos-containing materials in litigation throughout the country. Successfully won dismissals of numerous claims based on lack of proper product identification and other factors.
- Represents manufacturers and suppliers in breach of warranty and design defect cases involving construction, electrical, printing and hospital equipment, consumer appliances and hazardous materials.

Constitutional Law

- Defends large municipality in constitutional litigation brought under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983, involving the foster care system and schools.

Community and Pro Bono

- Lawyers for Civil Justice, Member of the Board of Directors
- Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation, committee member 2002 - present, committee co-chair, 2007-present
- Labs-4-Rescue, volunteer, 2008-present
- American Heart Association Young Professionals, member, 2007-present
- The Annual Ray Licata Memorial Swim, 2005-present

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 2004
- University of Vermont, B.A., 2001

Bar Admissions

- New York, 2005
- New Jersey, 2004

Court Admissions

- New Jersey state and federal district courts
- New York State Courts

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, member
- New York State Bar Association, member

Other Distinctions

- Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List" for 2018*
- Listed among "New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars," 2015-2018*
- Earl G. Harrison Community Service Award, 2009
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Deans Merit Scholar 2001-2004

**No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Further information on methodologies is available via these links.*

Practices

- Litigation
- Product Liability