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Brittany C. Wakim is an associate in the firm's Litigation Services Department, and a member of the firm's Women LEAD Committee and Associates Committee. Ms. Wakim focuses on the defense of eminent domain, products liability, and aviation matters. Her practice also includes class action, land use, commercial, and financial service matters. She also has significant experience with professional liability, medical device litigation, and medical malpractice litigation.

Ms. Wakim has extensive experience in all areas of case management and phases of litigation. Her practice involves development of case strategy, drafting pleadings, preparing and responding to discovery, motion practice, preparation of witnesses for deposition and trial testimony, retention of expert witnesses and participation in trial preparation, trial, and settlement negotiations.

Ms. Wakim previously served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Theresa Sarmina in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. She also served as an adjunct faculty member at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, where she taught an upper level writing course and served as a trial team coach and volunteer with the Trial Advocacy program.

Ms. Wakim is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Representative Matters

Broad-based experience in complex commercial, products liability, and eminent domain matters in both state and federal courts. Representative matters include the following:

Aviation Litigation

- Represented a national airline in multidistrict and state litigation arising from a mid-air engine failure and depressurization.
- Represented an aviation company specializing in maintenance, repair, and operations services in multiple actions alleging the improper performance of maintenance and repair on business jet airframes.
- Represented a ground handling organization providing global cargo forwarding services in litigation arising from a chemical spill.
- Represented national into-plane service provider and fuel storage facility operator in multiple motor vehicle accident claims.
- Represented international cargo airline in litigation arising from personal injury claims in the cargo warehouse.
- Represented international medical, security, and travel safety support organization in litigation arising from in-flight medical assistance.

Government and Regulatory Affairs

- Represented government municipality in defending an Eminent Domain dispute alleging a *de facto* condemnation of property in connection with proceedings to value the property following a *de jure* condemnation.

Financial Services Litigation

- Represented a real estate investment trust in a commercial landlord-tenant action to collect delinquent rent and charges due under a commercial lease.
- Represented a private franchise owner in a breach of contract action for back-pay from a former employee.
- Represented a mortgage insurer in an action instituted by a loan servicer involving the challenged disposition of over 7,000 mortgage insurance claims in the aftermath of the housing collapse.

Product Liability

- Represented an automobile manufacturer in a products liability action involving the transport of various auto parts.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment in products liability action for multinational automotive corporation resulting in over half a million in damages awarded at trial.

Community and Pro Bono

Ms. Wakim's community and pro bono focus is on youth, access to justice, and civil rights. She has handled federal civil rights cases on behalf of prisoner's lack of access to adequate medical care and has assisted with the defense of an atheist group's First Amendment rights to free speech.

Ms. Wakim volunteers in the community with the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, MANNA, and TEAM Coalition to promote alcohol safety and awareness. Ms. Wakim also serves on the membership committee of the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

Pro Bono Matters

- Represented an individual in an Eighth Amendment, federal civil rights case regarding failure to provide adequate medical care.
- Assisted in the representation of an atheist group in a free speech case against a county transit system whose advertisement restrictions violated the First Amendment.

Community Activities

- MANNA - Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, Volunteer
- Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer
- Special Olympics, Volunteer
- TEAM Coalition, Volunteer
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Gala Committee
- Racquet Club of Philadelphia, Member, Membership Committee
- Phi Beta Kappa, Member

Education

- Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, Trial Team, 2014
- Boston University, B.A., Economics, with distinction, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2011

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2014
- New Jersey, 2014

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas

Professional Affiliations

- *Law360's* Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Editorial Board, Member
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Member
- Large Firm Associates Committee of Philadelphia Bar Association
- Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law American Inn of Court
- Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Member

Other Distinctions

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America Ones to Watch*, 2021*
- Listed in "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars," 2017-2021*
- Law school awards include: James J. Manderino Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, presented by the *Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association*, and Marshall Brennan Award for Excellence in Teaching and Community Service
- Phi Beta Kappa, member

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