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Stephanie Short is an associate in the litigation services department and co-chair of the Firm's Associates' Committee. She is a member of the aviation practice group and the product liability practice group. She concentrates her practice on aviation, product liability, toxic tort, and environmental litigation.

Ms. Short represents aviation clients including airlines, aircraft owners, and aircraft parts manufacturers in litigation related to personal injury, product liability, and hull loss claims. She has also represented clients in environmental, oil and gas, toxic tort, and commercial litigation.

Before entering private practice, Ms. Short was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at a civil legal aid organization in Louisiana. As an Equal Justice Works Fellow, she secured disaster recovery funds for low-income clients by clearing title to more than 100 homes.

Representative Matters

Aviation

- Assisting in the defense of aircraft engine manufacturer in fatal military helicopter crash.
- Assisting in the defense of major airline in an in-flight personal injury.
- Assisting in the defense of aircraft engine manufacturer in a fatal Robinson R66 helicopter crash.

Other

- Represented a prominent Pittsburgh-area community leader against securities violations claims related to a bankrupt airline, achieving complete dismissal of the claims against our client after extensive motions removing the case from state to federal court and while distinguishing our client from several other defendants who remain in the case.
- Assisting in the defense of industrial sand company in breach of lease and environmental remediation suit.
- Assisting in the defense of car seat manufacturer in product liability suit.

Publications

- "The Public Trust Doctrine in Louisiana" in *The Public Trust Doctrine in the Thirty-Seven States* (2013 ed.)

Community and Pro Bono

- Ms. Short mentors a local high school student through Big Brothers Big Sisters' Mentor 2.0 program. She also is a junior board member of Venture Outdoors, an organization whose mission is to help more people experience the outdoors. She is also active in the Allegheny County Bar Association through which she is a co-chair of the practicing green initiative of the YLD Public Service Committee.
- Ms. Short's *pro bono* work includes representing asylum applicants in immigration proceedings.

Education

- Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011
- Tulane University, M.S., Environmental Biology, 2008
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Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2017
- New York, 2017
- Louisiana, 2011

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania
- Louisiana Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
- Defense Research Institute, Member; Aviation Law Committee, Vice Chair of Publications
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Experimental Aircraft Association, Member
- The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Woman Pilots, Member

Other Distinctions

- Louisiana Bar Association *Pro Bono* Century Award, 2016

Practices

- Litigation
- Product Liability

Industries

- Aviation