



## Representative Legal Matters

Jennifer Ancona Semko

### Complex Commercial Litigation

- Represented a US manufacturer in parallel lawsuits in California and Italy involving breach of warranty claims; successfully defeated Italian defendant's efforts to dismiss California litigation, which promptly resulted in favorable settlement.
- Defended a coal exporter against petition to compel arbitration, obtaining partial dismissal that led to plaintiff's abandonment of case.
- Obtained dismissal of civil rights, defamation, tortious interference and other claims asserted by disgruntled test taker against licensure examination program.
- Regularly defended a restaurant chain against discrimination, wage and hour, and other employment-related claims.
- Extensive experience obtaining ex parte seizure orders from federal courts permitting unannounced raids of alleged copyright infringers on behalf of examination programs.
- Represented a high-stakes licensure examination developer in negotiations with the Department of Justice regarding alleged Americans with Disabilities Act violations.
- Engaged by the United States government as individual counsel to federal employees named as defendants in civil rights and employment discrimination actions.

### Shareholder Litigation/Securities

- Defended a Japanese life insurance company against aiding and abetting claims asserted in four shareholder class actions filed following announcement of multi-billion dollar US acquisition, obtaining dismissal of one lawsuit and settlement of remaining suits without monetary recovery by plaintiffs.
- Represented investors in an Eastern European beachfront resort in derivative action alleging breach of fiduciary duties, fraud, and violation of state securities laws following majority shareholder's alleged misappropriation of company assets. Obtained favorable settlement after prevailing on several motions.
- Represented a European insurance company named as defendant in multi-billion dollar securities fraud class action and related shareholder litigation, from which client was successfully dismissed.

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## Appellate

- Defended two large Azerbaijani banks against federal action asserting RICO, anti-spam, and other claims, obtaining full dismissal that was upheld on appeal.
- Successfully briefed and argued appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on an issue of contract interpretation, obtaining reversal of an adverse District Court summary judgment.

## Internal Investigations

- Conducted internal investigations and negotiated resolutions for clients in connection with alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, export sanctions, antitrust, immigration, and other laws.
- Assisted one of the world's largest oil services companies in responding to grand jury subpoena and Senate Finance Committee investigation of its business operations in Iran.

## Pro Bono

- Currently defending District of Columbia charter school against former teacher's claims of employment discrimination under the DC Human Rights Act.
- Member of the global team that drafted The International Negotiations Handbook for the Public International Law & Policy Group, which has been used to aid in negotiation of peace agreements in Sri Lanka, Darfur and elsewhere.
- Defeated government efforts to deport a Nigerian mother of five US citizen children based on misdemeanor shoplifting of food, toothpaste and shoes for job interview.