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Areas of Practice

Kristin Beneski focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, including securities, antitrust, insurance, intellectual property, employment, contract, tort, and regulatory matters. She has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases in federal courts throughout the U.S. and in Washington at the trial and appellate levels, and has played a key role in several federal court trials. Kristin has experience with securities and antitrust class actions, shareholder derivative suits, SEC investigations, and disputes concerning professional liability, insurance coverage, contracts and business torts, the Lanham Act, the Washington Consumer Protection Act (CPA), the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (UTSA) and the Computer Spyware Act. She also has experience with assisting companies with enforcement proceedings involving state and federal authorities, including but not limited to program fraud and consumer protection matters. Kristin is also a member of Lane Powell's team providing *pro bono* representation to clients on death row in Texas and Louisiana.

Kristin has experience with international legal matters ranging from Alien Tort Statute litigation to cross-border contractual disputes, and has worked on matters involving clients and opposing parties located in China, Japan, Korea, India, Germany, France, Norway and Australia. She is a member of the firm's International Arbitration group and the ABA Section of International Law's International Arbitration Committee. Through her internationally focused practice, Kristin has developed expertise in the areas of service of process, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and admissibility of foreign documents and other evidence in U.S. courts.

Prior to joining Lane Powell, Kristin worked as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable John C. Coughenour in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and the Honorable Joseph E. Beshouri in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Professional Experience

- Lane Powell PC, Attorney at Law (2012-present)
- Lane Powell PC, Summer Associate (2011)
- District of Columbia Superior Court, Judicial Intern for the Honorable Joseph E. Beshouri (2011)
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, Judicial Intern for the Honorable John C. Coughenour (2010)

Admitted to Practice

Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Pro hac vice admissions: Massachusetts, S.D.N.Y., M.D.N.C., M.D. Fla., E.D. Mich., D. Hawaii

Academics

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2012)

Dean's List

The Tax Lawyer, Final Editor

Georgetown Outreach, Pro Bono Trip Coordinator

Pro Bono Pledge award for exceptional service

Amherst College (B.A., Political Science, 2008)

Publications

"Compelling and Staying Arbitration in Washington," *Practical Law*, Co-author (September 2017)

"US Supreme Court Securities-Fraud Jurisprudence: An Emerging New Direction?" Washington Legal Foundation, Co-author (August 2017)

"Enforcing Arbitration Awards in Washington," *Practical Law*, Co-author (2017)

"You Have Won Your Arbitration: Now What? Enforcing International Arbitration Awards in the United States" (co-authored with John Devlin) (2016)

"Drafting and Issuing Discovery Subpoenas: Washington State Q&A," *Practical Law* (co-authored with John Devlin) (2015)

Speaking Engagements

"Investigating and Documenting Employee Misconduct," National Business Institute's Employee Documentation, Discipline and Discharge Seminar (June 5, 2013)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Litigation

Securities Litigation

Investigations, Compliance and White Collar

International Arbitration

Electronic Discovery, Technology and Strategy

Diversity Committee

Recruiting/Summer Associate Committee

Awards and Honors

Named as a "Washington Rising Star," *Super Lawyers*® magazine, Securities Litigation(2016-2017)

Professional and Community Activities

Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2017)

Member, American Bar Association Section of Litigation

Member, American Bar Association International Arbitration Committee