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Samantha Kats focuses her practice on complex civil litigation, representing corporate, nonprofit, financial services industry and institutional clients in a wide variety of matters, including commercial contract disputes, insurance coverage, general liability defense and securities litigation and regulatory enforcement in federal and state courts, as well as private and FINRA arbitration. Samantha also has experience in matters involving will contests, trust disputes, estate litigation, powers of attorney, and guardianships. She has served as lead counsel in trials and handled many hearings, mediations, arbitrations and depositions.

Samantha received her J.D. from Villanova School of Law, where she served as managing editor of Symposia for the *Villanova Law Review* and as secretary for the Corporate Law Society. During law school, she was a summer associate at Stradley Ronon and a summer law intern at the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania District Attorney's office.

She was a law school teaching assistant in the Academic Success Program, tutoring first-year law students in Property Law and Civil Procedure. Samantha was also a member of the Civil Justice Clinic, where she gained experience managing her own clients and successfully represented a high school student in an expulsion hearing. While in law school, she completed an externship at Philadelphia VIP, an organization providing pro bono legal services in Philadelphia. She also advanced to the semi-final round of the 53rd Annual Theodore L. Reimel Moot Court Competition and was awarded best brief.

RESULTS

- obtained a mandatory injunction from the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas requiring a reassessment of all property in Delaware County and a decision acknowledging the pervasive inequities in the taxation of properties due to the county's failure to reassess properties since 1998
- obtained complete dismissal of a lawsuit against financial institution based on a mandatory binding arbitration clause
- obtained dismissals with prejudice of two arbitration stale claims filed against financial institution based on six-year eligibility grounds after multiple court conferences, Motions to Strike, Preliminary Objections and oral arguments

FOCUS

Securities Litigation & Enforcement
Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
Employment & Labor
Financial Services Litigation
Nonprofit & Religious Organizations Litigation
Litigation
Broker-Dealer

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

COURTS

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 District of New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Villanova University School of Law, Order of the Coif
B.S., *magna cum laude*, Drexel University, LeBow College of Business & Pennoni Honors College

MEMBERSHIPS

Montgomery County Bar Association
Philadelphia Bar Association
Former Member, Stradley Ronon Hiring Committee
Vice President of Board of Directors, Children's Village
Board of Directors, Co-Chair of Endowment Committee, Victim Services Center of Montgomery County
Society of Professional Women



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- successfully defended a local university in a significant victory in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by obtaining a dismissal of all of the plaintiff's discrimination claims before trial
- obtained a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on behalf of a major operator of cancer treatment hospitals and outpatient clinics against a biotechnology company refusing to assure the preservation of unique cancer vaccines
- obtained a favorable settlement for numerous financial institutions and lenders in consumer class action litigation
- successfully defended the executor of an estate and obtained complete dismissal with prejudice of claims for tortious interference with an inheritance and conspiracy in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- obtained termination of plenary guardianship for client who regained capacity

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Financial Services Regulatory Workshop," Stradley Ronon CLE
- Presenter, "Senior Investing and Financial Privacy: The Challenge of Diminished Capacity and Other Senior-Related Issues," Client CLE

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Fraud in the Technology Age: Strategies for Detection, Prevention and Navigating Regulatory Inquiries," *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*

RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, Rising Star

IN THE COMMUNITY

Samantha serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of Children's Village, a nonprofit organization that provides early childhood education and school-age academic enrichment distinguished by excellence and family diversity. She also serves on the board of the Montgomery County Victim Services Center, a nonprofit organization that provides free and confidential comprehensive support services to those who have been affected by crime.

LANGUAGES

Russian

