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Partner



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Practices/Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Antitrust Litigation
- Consumer & Commercial Litigation
- Government Contracting

Education

Grinnell College
(B.A., 2006)
Harvard Law School
(J.D., 2009)

Overview

Lola represents clients in complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts. Her practice focuses on commercial matters, contract disputes, and business torts. She has represented clients in a variety of industries, including health care, finance, and telecommunications.

Lola has been involved in all aspects of litigation, developing a wide range of experience that includes briefing and motions practice, offensive and defensive discovery, and the evaluation, development, and preparation for trial. Lola also has experience with arbitration, internal investigations, and pre-litigation presentations to government agencies. She has represented government entities in all stages of litigation, and has meaningful experience with government contracting.

She has experience advising clients on antitrust matters, including civil litigation, compliance work, and state, federal, and international civil and criminal investigations of both individuals and corporate entities. As part of her commitment to a pro bono practice, she has represented detained immigrant mothers and children in their removal proceedings and asylum claims.

Lola previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Ohio Civil Division. As an AUSA, she gained extensive experience in all aspects and all phases of federal agency litigation. Additionally, Lola was an associate at a global, Am Law 100 firm.

Experience

- Represented a payment processor in civil enforcement action by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in federal district court. Though action is still pending against other parties, the court struck all causes of action that the CFPB brought against the payment processor defendant.
- Represents broker-dealers in FINRA arbitrations involving requests for expungement, allegations of discrimination, and other employment-related matters.
- Helped successfully defend bundled pricing for a medical supplier in a federal civil action filed by a competitor.
- Part of team that represented a domestic subsidiary and foreign parent company in a federal criminal investigation and follow-on class action litigation.
- Successfully defended against a wrongful death action filed by the estate of a former federal prisoner.
- Represented commercial policyholders against their insurers in negotiations and active litigation in state and federal courts and in domestic and international arbitrations. These matters have involved a range of complex coverage issues including the interpretation of general liability policies, excess policies, commercial crime policy coverage, and bad faith claims.

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Experience (Cont)

- Represented a hospice provider in a licensing dispute with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and successfully negotiated for the provider to be able to keep its licensing.
- Part of a team that represented a construction firm in a contract dispute with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, which is affiliated with the Federal Highway Administration, and that resolved the dispute pre-arbitration.

Presentations

- "Cracking the Old Boys Network: Finding, Building, and Marketing Your Own Practice," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Racial Equity and the Law Talks (July 2020)
- "The Perils of Being a Bad Egg: DeCoster and the Responsible Corporate Officer Doctrine," ABA Business Law Section's Director & Officer Liability Committee meeting (September 2017)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- Norman S. Minor Bar Association (*Treasurer; Past Vice President*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Diversity & Inclusion Committee*)
- National Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Cleveland Bridge Builders (Class of 2018)
- Near West Family Network (*Board Member*)
- Minds Matter of Cleveland (*Board Trustee, Senior Vice President, Student Programming, 2012-2014*)

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to AmMore Consulting's list of "100+ Latinos Cleveland Must Know" (2020)
- YWCA Women of Professional Excellence (2020)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2019)

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit