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Shannon concentrates her practice on complex and business litigation in the areas of general liability, construction, labor law, premises liability, and breach of contract. She has more than two decades of experience defending commercial property owners, property management companies, general contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, municipal entities, hospitality industry clients, and nonprofit organizations facing high-exposure claims, often involving serious and catastrophic injuries and damages. Shannon participates in all aspects of the litigation process from pre-suit to resolution, including appearing in court and advocating on behalf of her clients at conferences, conducting depositions, preparing and arguing motions, and handling mediations and trials.

Shannon works closely with her clients to assess potential risk exposure, minimize liability, and develop legal strategies to achieve a favorable outcome in a cost-effective manner. Additionally, Shannon assists her clients in formulating and implementing new business policies and procedures for future efficiency, always with an eye toward risk mitigation. She is well-versed in the New York State Labor Law, OSHA, NYC Administrative Code, and NYC Building Code.

Prior to joining the firm, Shannon was of counsel with a full-service litigation firm in New York. Shannon received her Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies (communications, legal institutions, economics, and government) from The American University in Washington, D.C., and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. Upon graduation from BLS, she received the Minnie Rottenberg Prize for the highest grade in Antitrust law.

Shannon also provides pro bono legal services to veterans seeking benefits and services and assists in preparation of their appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

She also serves on the Board of 3GNY, an educational nonprofit organization founded by the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. 3GNY's mission is to use our grandparents stories of survival during the Holocaust to teach about the dangers of intolerance and how to stand up to antisemitism, racism, and any identity-based hatred.

Experience

Obtained summary judgment dismissing plaintiff's common law negligence and Labor Law §§ 200 and 241 causes of action against a construction company, Yankee Stadium LLC, and the City of New York in a construction-related incident during the construction of the "new" Yankee Stadium.

Obtained partial summary judgment dismissing plaintiff's Labor Law §§ 200 and 240(1) causes of action against the State of New York. The Court of Claims found that plaintiff's fall did not present the sort of elevation-related risk that triggers Labor Law § 240(1) liability.

Obtained a highly favorable settlement for a commercial tenant in a business litigation/breach of contract case involving the redevelopment of the South Street Seaport.

Obtained a preclusion Order against a plaintiff, and subsequent dismissal of a premises liability case, in the Supreme Court, New York County for a large commercial owner/developer of multi-family buildings.

Practice Areas

- Strategic Risk & Complex Litigation
- Property Insurance
- Insurance Coverage
- Commercial Litigation

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2002
- American University, B.A., 1999

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York

Affiliations

Board Member of 3GNY

New York State Bar Association

New York City Bar Association

Jewish Lawyers Guild

Awards & Honors

Minnie Rotenberg Prize for Antitrust Law

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Obtained summary judgment for a non-profit, affordable housing developer and a non-profit, social services provider in a welding accident case involving Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6) and 200 causes of action.

Persuaded the Appellate Division, 2nd Department to uphold the lower Court's grant of summary judgment to a defendant-homeowner in an adverse possession case.

Obtained a preclusion Order on behalf of a commercial tenant against a co-defendant for repeated failure to comply with court orders, which subsequently resulted in a voluntary dismissal of plaintiff's action against the commercial tenant.

Obtained summary judgment for both a large commercial landlord and management company in a premises liability case.

Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiff's complaint against a large retail home goods chain on the grounds that the company had no duty regarding the area of plaintiff's incident.