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Deana Davidian specializes in all aspects of business-related litigation and negotiations. She has represented a range of clients, including corporations, hedge funds, private equity firms and individuals, in commercial litigation, employment and partnership disputes, regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings, contract negotiations and other matters.

Before joining the firm, Ms. Davidian was a law clerk for the Honorable John E. Sprizzo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Davidian has been recognized as a “Rising Star” in *New York Super Lawyers* 2014.

Notable Representations

- Successfully defended a global industrial company against ERISA claims, obtaining dismissal of all claims.
- Successfully defended a hedge fund manager in connection with an insider trading investigation.
- Successfully defended a member of a real estate brokerage LLC in a lawsuit alleging fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims, obtaining dismissal of all counts.
- Successfully defended a company and its board members against a shareholder derivative suit, obtaining dismissal of all claims.
- Representing and advising clients in connection with bankruptcy proceedings, particularly with respect to securities and contractual issues (including representing the “Step One” creditors in the Tribune bankruptcy and the “TPS Group” in the Washington Mutual bankruptcy).
- Successfully represented an investment bank in a breach of contract litigation, obtaining a full recovery of amounts due under the contract.
- Successfully resolved contentious litigation between founding members of a real estate brokerage firm, resulting in a settlement affording client increased equity and sole managerial authority.
- Represented a hedge fund member in a matrimonial dispute, obtaining a favorable settlement of all claims.
- Regularly represents private equity and hedge fund members in employment-related business disputes and negotiations.

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Education

- **Wake Forest University School of Law**, J.D. – 2007
Wake Forest Law Review
Finalist, Tulane National Sports Law Moot Court Competition
- **Tufts University**, B.A. – 2004

Clerkship

- Hon. John E. Sprizzo, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2007-2009

Honors

- Named a “Rising Star” in *New York Super Lawyers* (2014)

Bar Admissions

- New York State
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York