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Practices

Business & Commercial Litigation Real Estate Professional Liability & Responsibility Litigation Appellate Practice

Education

J.D., Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, 2014 B.A., Monmouth University, 2011, *magna cum laude*

Clerkship

Honorable Joseph W. Oxley, Superior Court of New Jersey, 2014-2015

Admissions

New York, 2015 New Jersey, 2014 Unites States District Court, District of New Jersey, 2018 Unites States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2021

Memberships

New York City Bar Association New Jersey State Bar Association American Bar Association, Contributing Editor of "Litigation News" Samantha Stillo is a Shareholder in the Business and Commercial Litigation group at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. Ms. Stillo focuses her practice on business litigation, representing businesses and individuals in complex commercial matters. She assists clients with a broad range of legal issues, including breaches of contract, real estate conflicts, legal malpractice, corporate, partnership, and shareholder disputes, franchise-related issues, employment claims (breaches of restrictive covenants), defamation, construction conflicts, and fraud. Samantha manages litigation from its inception, using a strategic and personalized approach to meet her clients' needs and help resolve their legal challenges.

Over the past several years, Ms. Stillo has represented several clients in various legal conflicts, stemming from breach of commercial lease agreements, breach of real estate agreements, title disputes, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, and other issues which often plague individuals and corporations in the commercial real estate industry. Ms. Stillo has helped clients navigate complex legal issues, and carefully guided them through every aspect of their legal situation, oftentimes assisting in obtaining a positive resolution, whether through alternative dispute resolution or litigation.

Results achieved in prior matters are not meant to be a guarantee of success as the facts and legal circumstances vary from matter to matter.

Actively involved in the professional legal community of Monmouth County, she is a member of the Monmouth Bar Association and has been appointed to its Young Lawyers Committee and Chancery Practice Committee. Ms. Stillo is also a member of the Monmouth University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ms. Stillo also serves as a Contributing Editor of the American Bar Association's Litigation News Section, in which she drafts and publishes four articles on relevant legal topics per year. She is also a Regional Coordinator for the NYC/NJ Region of the National Italian American

Monmouth County Bar Association, Trustee, Young Lawyers Committee and Chancery Practice Committee

National Italian American Foundation ("NIAF"), Regional Coordinator (NYC/NJ)

Foundation ("NIAF").

Committed to strategic growth and development of the firm, Ms. Stillo is also involved in several firm committees, including the Equal Opportunity Committee, Wilentz Women in Leadership Committee, and Technology Committee.

Since 2018, Ms. Stillo has been selected for inclusion in New Jersey *Super Lawyers* to the Rising Star list. In 2023, she was a "New Leader of the Bar" Honoree for the *New Jersey Law Journal*. She was also named to the "Ones to Watch" list for the 2023 and 2024 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Prior to joining Wilentz, she practiced at a national law firm in New York City, where she was part of a trial team that secured a favorable defense verdict for a client who was sued in a high-profile, multi-million dollar lawsuit. Ms. Stillo also worked on various construction litigation matters and general liability litigation matters.

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Prior to working as a litigation attorney, she clerked for the Honorable Joseph W. Oxley, J.S.C., in the New Jersey Superior Court, where she researched and helped draft judicial opinions.

Publications

- <u>Judicial Immunity: The Sky Is Not the Limit</u>, American Bar Association, Litigation News, Winter 2024
- Attorney Sanctions? Not So Fast Holds the Fifth Circuit, American Bar Association, Litigation News, Summer 2024
- <u>Hypothetical Jurisdiction Dooms Legal Malpractice Claim</u>, American Bar Association, Litigation News, Fall 2023
- <u>Time's Up: No Recourse for Untimely Filed Complaint</u>, American Bar Association, Litigation News, July 21, 2023
- Confidential? Not So Fast, Say New Jersey Courts, New Jersey Law Journal, April 7, 2021
- In re Estate of Edwin R. Wallace, NYLJ, Aug. 20, 2012 (Sur. Ct. Richmond Cty. 2012)

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, CLE Presentation (Monmouth Bar Association),
 "Sports Betting Updates" Casino Law Seminar (May 2023)
- Panelist, CLE Webinar (Celesq), "The Appropriate Use of Protective Orders In Complex Litigation" (June 2021)
- Panelist, Webinar (Monmouth University) "A Day In The Life of an Attorney" (November 2020)
- Presenter, CLE Webinar (Monmouth Bar Association) "Being a Young Lawyer in a COVID-19 World" (August 2020)
- Presenter, CLE Presentation (Valley National Bank), "E-Signatures in Litigation" (March 2019)
- Moderator, CLE Presentation (Monmouth Bar Association), "It's Worth a Gamble" Casino Law Seminar (November 2018)

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