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Services and sector groups

- Injunctions and Emergency Relief
- Litigation
- Insurance
- Public Sector
- Charitable and Nonprofit

Dana primarily focuses her practice on representing commercial and business clients in complex contract disputes and other business matters.

Dana has particular experience in counseling on shareholder and corporate rights, as well as litigating business divorces. A large part of her practice involves representing clients in urgent matters requiring injunctive relief and coordinating resources to ensure client needs are met in emergencies. Dana routinely handles contract, non-competition, corporate governance, and other emergent business disputes requiring immediate injunctive relief. She also regularly counsels clients on insurance coverage issues and disputes.

Dana's view of any dispute, whether purely business or involving family matters, is practical. Dana counsels clients on every aspect of a case and advises on how to approach a situation to achieve the best possible result, whether that means going to court or facilitating an out-of-court resolution. Much of Dana's practice includes pre-litigation and/or pre-deal strategy, so that the matter can be set up for ultimate success and handled in the most efficient, cost-effective manner possible. While she appreciates that not every client desires to litigate, Dana is, at heart, a trial lawyer and is not afraid to handle a matter before a court, a mediator, or an arbitrator.

Dana serves as chair of the firm's Injunction and Insurance Law Groups. In addition to her work with the firm, Dana donates her time to the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, where she serves on the Executive Committee as treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Representative experience

- Non-profit corporation: Frequently represents a state-wide non-profit sports organization in various matters, both in and out of court.
- Public utility corporation: Represented client in eminent domain matters and provided litigation counseling on a \$3 billion pipeline infrastructure project.
- Landowners: Represented clients in various condemnation and compensation proceedings against PennDOT.
- Business owners: Represented clients in federal, state, and appellate courts regarding disputes as to entity ownership and control in corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies
- Large financial institution: Represented client in several cases arising out of the same set of facts relevant to an approximate \$3 million collection effort.
- Nationally recognized store: Represented client in landlord/tenant matters before the American Arbitration Association.
- Real estate development and management company: Represented client in complex tax assessment appeal litigation regarding issues of the constitutionality of tax assessment appeals.

Education

- Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
- Duquesne University, B.A., political science, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2019-present
- Pennsylvania Rising Stars®, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Lawyers on the Fast Track, The Legal Intelligencer, 2018
- Select Lawyers, 2014, 2015, 2016
- YWCA Tribute to Women of Excellence Award, 2015

Professional and community involvement

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Dauphin County Bar Association, Court Relations Committee
- Pennsylvania Bar Association High School Mock Trial Competition
 - South Central Pennsylvania Region, district coordinator
 - South Central Pennsylvania, regional coordinator
- United Way of the Capital Region's Women's Leadership Network, Advisory Council member
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Man & Woman of the Year Executive Leadership Team
- American Cancer Society
 - Committee, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Harrisburg
 - Chair-Sponsorship subcommittee
 - Steering Committee, Central Pennsylvania Region Daffodil Days Campaign
 - 2013 Campaign chairperson
 - 2012 Sponsorship Campaign co-chair
- Girls on the Run Capital Region, 5K Committee member, Executive Committee board member
- Leadership Harrisburg Area, Community Leadership Series
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Board of Directors, past Executive Committee member