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Alexandra specializes in high-value international commercial, tort, and regulatory disputes and investigations on behalf of global financial institutions, central banks, and corporations, and foreign sovereign governments in the North Americas, United Kingdom, Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Her clients often face simultaneous disputes and investigations in multiple jurisdictions and depend on Alexandra to coordinate a global legal strategy. She is recognized for her success in securing early dismissals of litigation by challenging jurisdiction under the U.S. Constitution and federal statutes with extraterritorial effect, especially the Antiterrorism Act and the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

Alexandra has litigated these issues before federal and state courts at all levels, including in the U.S. Supreme Court. A former college newspaper editor and media consultant to political campaigns, she also regularly represents publications, broadcast media, and public figures in defamation actions throughout the U.S.

Key Matters

Commercial Litigation and Appeals

- Won reversal of a US\$655.5M jury award and dismissal of all claims by demonstrating the absence of US jurisdiction. *Waldman* (2d Cir.).
- Defeated a highly politicized effort to obtain Supreme Court review and obtained a supporting brief from the U.S. Solicitor General. *Waldman*, *cert. denied* (U.S.).
- Won a favorable Statement of Interest of the United States and Declaration from the U.S. State Department and won from the trial court a reduction of mandatory appeal bond to just 1.5% of a US\$655.5M jury award. *Sokolow* (S.D.N.Y.).
- Defeated motion to recall appellate court mandate and to reinstate US\$655.5M jury award. *Waldman* (2d Cir.).
- Defeated U.S. courts' jurisdiction in the first decision to interpret the Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act of 2018, narrowing the ability of private parties to bring claims under the ATA, 18 U.S.C. § 2333. *Klieman* (D.C. Cir.).
- Won a decision confirming due process protection for a foreign entity and defeated U.S. jurisdiction. *Livnat* (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied* (U.S.).
- Won affirmance of the district court's exclusion of government website pages as inadmissible hearsay and dismissal of all claims on summary judgment. *Gilmore* (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied* (U.S.).
- Defeated jurisdiction over commercial claims by a US government contractor. *D&S Consulting, Inc.*, (D.D.C.), *aff'd* (D.C. Cir.).
- Defeated jurisdiction over a foreign bank for alleged actions outside the US. *O'Neill* (S.D.N.Y.), *aff'd* (2d Cir.), *cert. denied* (U.S.).
- Won dismissal of foreign law claims related to bank financial services. *Wultz* (S.D.N.Y.).
- Won a decision from the Georgia Supreme Court establishing that federal law does not prohibit the release of tax returns and compelling disclosure of tax returns. *City of Atlanta v. Corey Ent., Inc.* (Ga.).

Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act:

- Won early dismissal of all claims in the trial court and on appeal after briefing and oral argument. *Despotovich dba Tradexim Int'l Co. CA v. Republic of Croatia* (S.D.N.Y.), *aff'd* (2d Cir.).
- Won early dismissal of all claims in the trial court and on appeal after briefing and oral argument. *Consulting Concepts Int'l, Inc. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia* (S.D.N.Y.), *aff'd* (2d Cir.).
- Won early dismissal of all claims in the trial court and on appeal after briefing and oral argument. *D & S Consulting, Inc. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia* (D.D.C.), *aff'd* (D.C. Cir.).

Regulatory and Congressional Investigations and Financial Services Litigation

- For the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, conducted a multiyear monitorship of Fiat Chrysler America's compliance with federal motor vehicle safety laws and regulations.
- Successfully defended a billion-dollar mortgage industry company in litigation and investigations by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and other financial regulatory agencies.
- Successful defense, including by securing minimal media coverage, of multinational financial institutions and corporations before the primary U.S. House and U.S. Senate oversight and investigations committees, House Energy and Commerce Committee, and the oversight and investigations committees, and the Special Inspector General for Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).
- Avoided penalties for a top-three global energy company in Department of Justice antitrust and European competition authority investigations.

- Avoided penalties for a leading national renewable energy company in Department of Justice and Department of Treasury Inspector General investigations.
- Successfully defended private equity investors in leading renewable energy startups in Congressional and Justice Department investigations and related bankruptcy litigation.
- Obtained dismissal of False Claims Act litigation on behalf of a for-profit education institution.
- Successfully resolved False Claims Act litigation by negotiating a civil settlement with the Department of Justice on behalf of a national medical laboratory.
- On behalf of Hawaii's largest medical system, successfully resolved litigation related to claims for payment to Medicare/Medicaid.
- Successfully defended billion-dollar for-profit institutions U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee investigations, at public hearings, and in related litigation.

Activities

- Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown Law School eDiscovery Training Academy
 - Litigation Advisory Board, LexisNexis
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Credentials

EDUCATION

Alexandra graduated from Emory University School of Law, where she was the G. Conley Ingram Scholar and Executive Managing Editor of the *Emory Law Journal*. Alexandra received her B.A. in international studies from Emory University, during which she and her fellow editors won both of the highest awards given to U.S. student journalists: The National Pacemaker Award and The Columbia Gold Crown Award.

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York

CLERKSHIPS

- USDC - Northern District of AL for the Honorable C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.

Related Insights & News

Alexandra's speaking engagements include:

- U.S. Courts International Law Year in Review, American Society of International Law, Panelist, Oct. 17, 2024
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Alexandra Chopin Speaks on "Top 10 Negotiating Mistakes Litigators Make"

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Alexandra Chopin Speaks on American Society of International Law Panel
OCTOBER 17, 2024

IN THE MEDIA

Alexandra Chopin Joins Winston & Strawn in Washington, D.C. Office
AUGUST 16, 2024

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Boosts Litigation Practice in Washington, D.C. with Addition of Alexandra E. Chopin
AUGUST 13, 2024

Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation & Disputes
- Financial Services Litigation
- Appellate & Critical Motions
- Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance
- Government Program Fraud, False Claims Act & Qui Tam Litigation