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Leeanne S. Mancari is a litigator and co-chair of the firm's eDiscovery and Information Management Platform.

Leeanne manages all aspects of national and international discovery. She frequently serves as eDiscovery counsel on large-scale litigations. Her experience includes crafting and overseeing defense discovery strategy for matters with complex discovery issues. She frequently negotiates eDiscovery orders, drafts and argues discovery motions, and prepares and defends witnesses on eDiscovery-related topics. She formulates efficient and effective workflows for all phases of document collection, review and production, utilizing advanced technologies. Leeanne addresses clients' eDiscovery issues in both litigation and pre-litigation settings. Leeanne frequently speaks on eDiscovery-related topics.

Further, Leeanne advises on policies and procedures related to information management, including records management and defensible deletion projects. Leeanne frequently holds training seminars on these topics.

Leeanne's background is in complex litigation representing companies in the life-sciences sector in mass torts litigation, commercial disputes and investigations.

Leeanne regularly participates in the firm's recruiting efforts and is an active member of the firm's Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW). Pro bono is part of Leeanne's practice and she dedicates significant time to assisting people and communities in need.

EXPERIENCE

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

eDiscovery Counseling

- Retained as national eDiscovery counsel for pharmaceutical company; implemented eDiscovery policies and procedures, including preservation, legal hold and collection protocols; consulted on eDiscovery issues arising in various litigations; advised on foreign data collection.

RELATED SERVICES

- eDiscovery and Information Management
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- Investigations
- Cross-Border Litigation

RELATED SECTORS

- Life Sciences

- eDiscovery counsel for national insurer and eDiscovery contact for numerous litigations across country to ensure consistent approach to eDiscovery; negotiated eDiscovery issues with opposing counsel.
- Assisted global pharmaceutical client defend against discovery sanctions motion, prepared witnesses to testify on such issues, and drafted legal memoranda on same; implemented record retention and litigation hold policies for foreign subsidiary; conducted data and information inventory assessment of foreign subsidiary and advised on retention procedures.
- Conducted inventory analysis for large insurance company to align records and data with records retention policies; drafted associated preservation procedures.
- eDiscovery counsel for accounting company on eDiscovery issues arising in government investigations and litigations.
- Counseled Asian tire company in potential product liability exposure in U.S. in regards to expectations with U.S. discovery.

Complex Litigation

- Defended large pharmaceutical company in several license agreement disputes pending in federal and state court.
- Acted as national counsel for pharmaceutical company in product liability multidistrict litigation.
- Retained as national counsel for Fortune 20 pharmaceutical company and its self-insurer in a national product liability/mass tort litigation consisting of federal multidistrict litigation and hundreds of state cases.
- Represented national consulting and auditing firm in multiple SEC and PCAOB investigations.
- Defended large U.S. pharmaceutical corporation in a litigation involving RICO and consumer fraud claims.
- Represented pharmaceutical company in a NJ state court litigation involving a failed M&A transaction.
- Represented pharmaceutical company in product liability litigation in NY State court coordinated proceedings.
- Represented pharmaceutical company as national settlement and ADR counsel in large mass tort litigation.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York
- California

Recognitions

- Named one of New York Metro Super Lawyer's Rising Stars and Top Women Attorneys in New York for 2014

Education

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law 2004
Dean's List
Fordham International Law Journal
- B.A., George Washington University 2000

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

Memberships

- The Sedona Conference, Member of Working Group 1 (Electronic Document Retention and Production) and Working Group 6 (International Electronic Information Management, Discovery and Disclosure)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Rule 26(g) certification means more than guide and advise: Key takeaways

12 August 2020

Sanctions were imposed on an attorney for failing to properly oversee the client's discovery process.

New California laws make potentially costly changes to Civil Discovery Act

17 December 2019

The changes are sure to affect all California litigants and civil litigators starting in 2020.

- Co-author, "The Sedona Conference Commentary on Legal Holds, Second Edition: The Trigger & The Process," *The Sedona Conference Journal*, June 2019
- Co-author, "Text, blood and rock 'n' roll," *DLA Piper IPT News*, Issue 36, Q4, 2017
- Co-Author, "Pre-Service Removal Jurisdiction: Congressional Intent or Litigation Gamesmanship," *Defense Research Institute's In-House Defense Quarterly (Winter 2015)* (with Christopher M. Strongosky, and E. Giovannie Mercado)
- Author, "Go Far with TAR: Technology Assisted Review Options for Drug and Device Cases," *DRI Rx For the Defense* (May 2013)
- Co-Author, "A Next Step Toward The Middle Ground: The U.K.'s Civil Justice Council's Latest Recommendations on Collective Action Reform in England and Wales," *DRI Across Frontiers* (Fall 2008) (with Christopher G. Campbell)

Events

Previous

Corporate clutter and defensible deletion

15 September 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET

Webinar

- Speaker, The Sedona Conference Working Group 1 Midyear Meeting, Charlotte, NC, May 2-3, 2019
- Speaker, Hot Topics in eDiscovery, sponsored by Driven, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 20, 2019
- Moderator, In-House Panel Discussion, "View From The Inside: What In-House Counsel Are Looking For From Their Outside

NEWS

New Perimeter conducts fourth training for women lawyers in Nepal

3 JAN 2019

New Perimeter conducted its fourth training for female lawyers in Nepal.

PRO BONO

Leeanne received DLA Piper's 2011 National Pro Bono Award for significant work on several pro bono matters.

PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

- In 2018, through injunctive relief, reunited two separate refugee fathers and children after being separated at the border due to the "zero tolerance" policy for illegal immigration at the border.
- Traveled to Nepal and trained women lawyers on various substantive legal issues as part of an advancement for women initiative.
- Taught a legal writing clinic in Zambia for African law students seeking admission to practice as lawyers.
- In 2011 and 2012, Leeanne tried and won a case before the Hon. Jack Weinstein in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, enforcing U.S. treaty obligations on behalf of a foreign national under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction. The trial result was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- Successfully obtained relief for a class of children abused at a government detention center.
- Obtained increased benefits for a Gulf War veteran before the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Obtained asylum for a Somali refugee.
- Counseled magistrate judges in Guyana regarding juvenile justice as part of DLA's New Perimeter project.
- Assisted New York County and King's County District Attorney's offices with appellate work.