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Billy Diggs concentrates his practice in representing companies and individuals in investigations and complex litigation.

Billy is a seasoned litigator who has first or second chaired numerous trials. Billy's experience in investigations includes internal investigations as well as criminal and civil investigations conducted by government agencies, such as the US Department of Justice, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and the New York State Attorney General. Billy's civil litigation work includes class actions, complex commercial disputes, and product liability matters.

Prior to entering private practice, Billy served as an active duty US Air Force officer from 2011 to 2015. While in the Air Force, Billy gained substantial experience in investigations and at trial, including first or second chairing numerous trials. Billy initially served as an assistant staff judge advocate, where he worked closely with military investigators in the investigation of offenses allegedly committed by military members and represented the United States as trial counsel in courts-martial. Billy also deployed to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. As his final assignment on active duty, Billy served as an area defense counsel, where he represented military members in criminal investigations, courts-martial, and adverse personnel actions. Billy's military investigation and trial experience includes cases involving offenses such as rape, sexual assault, indecent exposure, aggravated assault, child endangerment, larceny, drug distribution and use, absence without leave, perjury, and conspiracy. Billy received numerous decorations for his military service, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon.

Since entering private practice in 2015, Billy concentrates his practice in representing companies and individuals in investigations and complex litigation. Billy's experience in investigations includes internal investigations as well as criminal and civil investigations conducted by government agencies, such as the US Department of Justice, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and the New York State Attorney General. Billy's civil litigation work includes class actions, complex commercial disputes, and product liability matters. From 2015 until 2019, when he joined DLA Piper, Billy worked as an associate in the litigation department at the New York

- Appellate Advocacy
- Class Actions
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
  
- Financial Services
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Life Sciences

office of a prominent international law firm.

While in law school, Billy served as the Managing Editor of Seton Hall Law Review and worked as an extern with the US Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and with Justice Jaynee LaVecchia of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

### Education

- B.S., Boston University 2007  
*magna cum laude*  
Scarlet Key Society
- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law 2010  
*magna cum laude*  
Order of the Coif  
Managing Editor, Seton Hall Law Review  
Center for Social Justice Outstanding Practitioner's Award—Juvenile Justice Clinic  
Chicago Title Insurance Company Real Property Award  
Kevin and Jane Kilcullen Success Scholarship

### Courts

- United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals
- United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

- *Protecting Disabled Veterans in Need of Financial Assistance: Applying the HAVEN Act to Cases Filed Before Its Enactment*, ABI J., XXXVIII-12, Dec. 2019, at 34 (with Stephen C. Matthews)
- Comment, *Consumer Protection in an eBay Marketplace: An Analysis of the Supreme Court of New Jersey's Radir Wheels Decision to Extend Liability Under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act to Individual eBay Sellers*, 40 Seton Hall L. Rev. 811 (2010)

### Events

- *The HAVEN Act: Understanding the Intricacies of the Act and its Application to Military and Nonmilitary Clients*, ABI Live Webinar

(Feb. 26, 2020)

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper, nonprofits and attorneys achieve settlement agreement on behalf of Kansas foster children**

13 July 2020

DLA Piper recently achieved a settlement agreement as a result of the class action case M.B. v. Howard (originally M.B. v. Colyer), brought in November 2018 against state officials on behalf of more than 7,000 children in Kansas foster care.

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## PRO BONO

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Billy's pro bono practice focuses on providing assistance to veterans.