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Ilana H. Eisenstein is Co-Chair of the firm's Appellate Advocacy Practice. She is a former Assistant to the Solicitor General and a former federal prosecutor with experience at every stage of litigation – from investigation, through trials, appeals, and the US Supreme Court.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

Ilana has argued five cases in the Supreme Court, including cases involving novel questions of statutory interpretation and constitutional law and procedure, and has been the lead author of dozens of briefs at the merits and certiorari stages in the Supreme Court and in the federal courts of appeals.

Ilana has extensive trial experience – she has tried 11 jury trials to verdict and handled more than 100 federal cases.

Ilana focuses her practice on appellate, complex commercial, products liability, and white-collar litigation.

Ilana is a member of DLA Piper's Policy Committee.

Ilana has argued 5 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and briefed dozens of others at the merits and certiorari stages. Ilana has successfully briefed and argued numerous cases in the federal courts of appeals. She regularly represents and counsels clients on appellate and post-trial matters. Ilana also works closely with trial teams to develop legal strategy, draft and argue pre-trial motions and post-trial briefs, and preserve legal arguments at all stages of litigation. Recent and current representative matters include:

- Lead counsel for major pharmaceutical manufacturer in the multi-district litigation, *In re Generics Antitrust Litigation*
- Lead appellate counsel for major pharmaceutical manufacturer in large multi-district litigation involving product liability and failure-to-warn claims including leading successful defense of favorable district court dismissals and summary judgment rulings before the Fifth Circuit
- National coordinating counsel for a major medical device manufacturer on issues of preemption of product-liability claims
- Represent large New York not-for-profit in appeal from judgment in multi-million dollar ERISA and employment discrimination lawsuit
- Defend large vaccine manufacturer against trade-secret lawsuit brought by leading competitor

- Represented distributor/importer of infusion pump in successfully dismissing qui tam False Claims Act lawsuit alleging device defects and purported failure to report product recalls
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in federal civil litigation against private payors alleging fraud, kickbacks, and off-label marketing
- Lead appellate attorney for major device manufacturer in Ninth Circuit appeal on issues of federal preemption under 21 U.S.C. 360k, implied preemption, and causation
- Appellate counsel embedded with trial team representing Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson in Pennsylvania pelvic mesh litigation, resulting in a defense verdict at trial
- Argued appeal to Second Circuit on behalf of a major credit-card processing company in case involving complex software copyright and licensing agreements
- Represented multinational tire manufacturer in Fourth Circuit appeal from \$40 million negligent manufacturing verdict
- Represented public gaming corporation in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in successful equal protection challenge to Pennsylvania taxation scheme
- Represent space exploration corporation in post-trial and appeal to the Third Circuit in breach of contract action

REPRESENTATIVE SUPREME COURT AND APPELLATE EXPERIENCE:

- *AMG Capital v. Federal Trade Commission*, No. 19-508 (S. Ct. 2020): represent U.S. Chamber of Commerce in drafting of amicus briefs at petition and merits stage seeking to limit FTC's disgorgement powers
- *Moore v. Texas*, No. 18-443 (S. Ct. 2019): Author of a brief on behalf of amicus curiae the American Bar Association in support of Mr. Moore, arguing that his death sentence should be summarily reversed as inconsistent with the Eighth Amendment standard for diagnosing intellectual disability. The U.S. Supreme Court granted summary reversal of Mr. Moore's capital sentence.
- *Lucia v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, No. 17-130 (S. Ct. 2018): Author of brief on behalf of amicus curiae Equity Dealers of America describing due process concerns posed by the SEC's administrative forum
- *Microsoft v. United States*, No. 17-2 (S. Ct. 2018): Author of brief on behalf of amici curiae DIGITALEUROPE, Syntec Numérique, and other European national trade organizations asking the Court to consider the potential conflict between the Stored Communications Act and the GDPR
- *Dahda v. United States*, No. 17-43 (S. Ct. 2017): Author of brief on behalf of amicus curiae the National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers and the Electronic Frontier Foundation on Title III's territorial limits on cellular wiretaps
- *Masterpiece Cakeshop LTD v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, No. 16-111 (S. Ct. 2017): Author of amicus brief on behalf of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and eight other national civil rights organizations in support of Colorado's public accommodation law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
- *Howell v. Howell*, 137 S. Ct. 1400 (2017): Federal preemption of state-court division of military disability benefits (argued)
- *Manuel v. City of Joliet*, 137 S. Ct. 911 (2017): Held that pre-trial detention without probable cause violates the Fourth Amendment and may give rise to a federal civil rights claim (argued)
- *Menominee Tribe v. United States*, 136 S. Ct. 750 (2016): Clarified proper application of equitable tolling principles in a contracting dispute with the federal government (argued)
- *United States v. Voisine*, 136 S. Ct. 2272 (2016): Determined the scope of the federal prohibition on firearms by domestic abusers (argued)
- *Ohio v. Clark*, 135 S. Ct. 2173 (2015): Held the Sixth Amendment's Confrontation Clause to be inapplicable to out-of-court statements given by an abused child to his teacher (argued)
- *Cooper v. Harris*, 137 S. Ct. 1455 (2017): Author of the brief for the United States as amicus curiae on the legal and factual requirements for proving a racial gerrymandering claim
- *Athena Cosmetics, Inc. v. Allergan, Inc.*, cert denied, 135 S. Ct. 2886 (2015): Author of brief for the United States as amicus curiae, filed at the invitation of the Supreme Court, involving implied preemption under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of a state-law unfair competition suit

TRIAL LEVEL EXPERIENCE:

Ilana has extensive trial experience – she has tried 11 jury trials to verdict and handled more than 100 federal cases, and numerous state court trial matters.

REPRESENTATIVE INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE:

As a former federal prosecutor, Ilana has extensive investigation experience in front of the federal grand jury; in cases involving parallel civil, criminal, and administrative investigations, and running joint-task forces that utilize federal, state, and local partnerships.

Representative matters include:

- Pharmaceutical-pricing investigation of a large, publicly traded pharmaceutical company and pharmacy benefit management company involving False Claims Act and anti-kickback allegations resulting in a global US \$16 million settlement
- Major securities and a financial-fraud investigation of a publicly traded banking institution and its senior officers
- Off-label marketing investigation of a major pharmaceutical company involving the marketing and distribution of several blockbuster medications
- One-and-a-half-year investigation into the murder-for-hire of a government witness killed on the eve of trial
- Leak investigation into unauthorized disclosure of a federal grand jury investigation of a member of the US House of Representatives
- Multi-million dollar credit-card scam investigation involving employees of publicly-traded commercial bank
- Investigation of credit-card skimming operation at local retail establishments run by an Eastern-European crime organization
- Multi-million dollar tax fraud ring involving more than one thousand stolen identities and falsely filed tax returns
- Federal wiretap investigations involving large teams of federal, state, and local law enforcement
- Numerous national drug-trafficking investigations of major narcotics distributors, including money laundering, asset forfeitures and seizures

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*
 - 2021 – Band 1, Pennsylvania Litigation: Appellate
Chambers comments, "Ilana Eisenstein acts for clients in appellate matters with international and domestic implications, including opioid and product liability disputes. She has experience in both commercial and criminal litigation."
- 2021 DLA Piper Product Liability Lawyer of the Year
- 2021 DLA Piper North America Pro Bono Award

Education

- J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School
summa cum laude, Valedictorian
- B.A., Harvard University
magna cum laude

Clerk Experience

- Eisenstein clerked for Judge Edward R. Becker of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, after which she was awarded a one-year Bristow Fellowship with the Office of the US Solicitor General.

Courts

- Supreme Court of the United States

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Other Professional Activities

- Board Member, Third Circuit Bar Association, 2021-present
- Co-Director, Appellate Advocacy Clinic, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, 2019-present
- Leo Model Foundation Public Policy Fellow, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, 2018-2019
- Board Member, Homeless Advocacy Project, Philadelphia, PA 2017-present
- Board Member, William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, PA, 2001-present

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "Should Third-Party Funders Be Able to Cash in on Whistleblower Cases?" *Bloomberg Law* (November 4, 2020)
- Co-Author, "Suspending antitrust limitations periods during the COVID-19 pandemic: Constitutional and practical implications," *WestLaw*, May 19, 2020

Events

- Panelist, Creating a Roadmap for Post-Albrecht Preemption Using Takeaways from This Year's Most Significant Rulings, ACI Drug & Device Conference, December 7, 2021
- Speaker, "RICO Conspiracy," PA Criminal Defense Lawyer's White-Collar Seminar, November, 2018
- Panelist, "Effective Third Circuit Advocacy," CLE, Third Circuit Bar Association, January, 2018
- Panelist, "The Fourth Amendment in the Digital Age," District of Delaware Bench-Bar Conference, May, 2015
- Panelist, "Lavender Law Conference," Supreme Court Review (2017-2018)

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Biden Disappoints Puerto Rico in Supreme Court Benefits Case," *Bloomberg Law*, November 9, 2021

- "5th Circ. Won't Revive Sanofi Chemo Hair Loss Suit," *Law360*, June 10, 2021
- "Tech Orgs Say New Fla. Social Media Law Limits Free Speech," *Law360*, May 27, 2021
- "5th Circ. Finds Chemo Drug Hair Loss Claims Filed Too Late," *Law360*, April 22, 2021
- "Profs, Orgs Tell Justices To Review Sham Litigation Exception," *Law360*, April 20, 2021
- "5th Circ. Affirms Win For Sanofi In Chemo Hair Loss Suit," *Law360*, April 20, 2021
- "Why Biden Must Tread Carefully With U-Turns In Court," *Law360*, April 20, 2021
- "Orgs Say History, Context Favor Asylum-Seekers' Credibility," *Law360*, January 12, 2021
- "3rd Circ. Roundly Rejects Trump's Pa. Election Appeal," *Law360*, November 29, 2020
- "Pa. Certification Means Game Over For Trump, 3rd. Circ. Told," *Law360*, November 24, 2020
- "Overdose prevention network advocates for Philly safe injection site," *Pennsylvania Capital-Star*, November 19, 2020
- "One Simple Way Biden Could Prove He Regrets His Role in the Drug War," *Slate Magazine*, November 18, 2020
- "US appeals court weighs law on supervised injection sites," *The Sentinel*, November 16, 2020
- "US prosecutors take second swing at Philly supervised injection site in federal appeals court," *WHYY*, November 16, 2020
- "Grenfell Tower Fire Case Moves From Pa. To UK," *Law 360*, September 16, 2020
- "November Advocate of the Month: Ilana Eisenstein," *Legal Prescription*, November 25, 2019
- "Judge: Philly supervised injection site proposal does not violate federal law," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, October 2, 2019
- "'Crackhouse' Or 'Safehouse'? U.S. Officials Try To Block Philly's Supervised Injection Site ," *Kaiser Health News*, September 9, 2019
- "Merck Trade Secret Suit A Ploy To Aid Patent Case, Pfizer Says," *Law360*, September 17, 2019
- "McSwain, DLA Piper's Appellate Head Spar Over Legality of Safe Injection Site," *Law.com*, September 5, 2019
- "Supporters Sue To Open Safe Injection Site In Philadelphia, Citing Religious Freedom," *WHYY*, April 13, 2019
- "Justice Department sues Philadelphia over supervised injection facility that aims to prevent fatal drug overdoses," *Washington Post*, February 7, 2019
- "U.S. sues to block Philadelphia safe drug-injection site," *Reuters*, February 6, 2019
- "What Clarence Thomas Gets Wrong About the Second Amendment," *The Atlantic*, February 22, 2018
- "Why Are There So Few Women SCOTUS Advocates?" *The National Law Journal*, October 25, 2017