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Rachel Horton's practice focuses on appellate litigation in federal and state courts throughout the United States and defending pharmaceutical and medical device companies. Rachel is a high-energy litigator who regularly handles complex matters, including multidistrict litigation. She has presented oral arguments in front of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, state and federal trial courts and arbitration panels.

At the trial level, Rachel has significant experience drafting dispositive motions and working with trial counsel to preserve clients' appellate rights. She collaborates with her colleagues who specialize in numerous practice areas, including civil and criminal investigations, intellectual property and products liability.

Rachel also maintains an active pro bono practice. She regularly handles Court-appointed appeals in the Third Circuit, and she is a member of the Second Circuit's Pro Bono Panel.

Rachel graduated first in her law school class. During law school, she interned with the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where she assisted in the government's litigation of Federal Tort Claims Act and False Claims Act cases. She also served as an intern for the Honorable Louis H. Pollak, US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Then Rachel clerked for the Honorable Legrome D. Davis, US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Honorable Richard C. Wesley, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Before practicing law, Rachel worked as a molecular biologist in a breast cancer research lab at the University of Pennsylvania while simultaneously earning a Master of Bioethics degree. Rachel's research into the genetic underpinnings of cancer has been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship

- Life Sciences
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania

## Clerk Experience

- Honorable Legrome D. Davis, US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2013-2014
- Honorable Richard C. Wesley, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2014-2015

## Education

- J.D., Drexel University 2013  
*summa cum laude*  
Valedictorian
- M.B.E., University of Pennsylvania 2011
- A.B., Biology, Bryn Mawr College 2007  
*magna cum laude*  
*with honors in Biology*

## Courts

- 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 Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

## Memberships

Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, Board of Advisors

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

- Co-author, "What COVID-19, Social Issues Mean For Pharma Case Juries," *Law360*, June 29, 2021
- Quoted, "Settlement Reached After Man Endures Dehumanizing Experience in Pennsylvania DOC "Dry Cell," *Pennsylvania institutional law project*, March 30 2021
- Quoted, "Zantac MDL Defendants Argue Claims Are Preempted," *Law360*, December 15, 2020

## NEWS

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## MEDIA MENTIONS

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- Mentioned, "[5th Circ. Affirms Win For Sanofi In Chemo Hair Loss Suit](#)," *Law360*, April 20, 2021
- Mentioned, "5th Circ. Finds Chemo Drug Hair Loss Claims Filed Too Late," *Law360*, April 22, 2021
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- Mentioned, "5th Circ. Told To Undo Sanofi's Win In Chemo Hair Loss Row," *Law360*, January 6, 2021
- Mentioned, "Sanofi Asks 5th Circ. To Toss Chemo Drug Hair Loss Claims," *Law360*, December 16, 2020

- Mentioned, "3rd Circ. Roundly Rejects Trump's Pa. Election Appeal," *Law360*, November 29, 2020
- Mentioned, "Pa. Certification Means Game Over For Trump, 3rd. Circ. Told," *Law360*, November 24, 2020
- Mentioned, "Trump Asks 3rd Circ. For 2nd Shot At Upending Pa. Election," *Law360*, November 23, 2020
- Mentioned, "Hotel Cos. Urge 11th Circ. To Sink Sex Trafficking Cases," *Law360*, October 19, 2020
- Mentioned, "Pa. Bus 'Atheist' Ad Ban Violates Free Speech, 3rd Circ.," *Law360*, September 17, 2019