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Rachael Kessler is developing her broad-based practice in commercial litigation, including general corporate, securities and class action litigation.

Rachael's practice includes representation of corporations operating in the energy, healthcare, biotechnology, telecommunications and financial services sectors. She has assisted in representing such clients against allegations of breaches of fiduciary duties to stockholders arising out of corporate mergers, fraud and misrepresentation and in disputes regarding a wide variety of business and contractual issues, as well as in real property and insurance litigation.

Rachael also has experience representing clients in internal corporate investigations and compliance matters.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

Admissions

- Maryland
- New York

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law
cum laude
Associate Editor, *Journal of Law and Social Policy*
- B.A., English Language and Literature, University of Maryland

Courts

- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

NEWS

DLA Piper represents Blue Diamond in dismissal of class action lawsuit

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DLA Piper represented Blue Diamond Growers in the dismissal of a class action lawsuit filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

PRO BONO

Rachael was nominated for DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Award for her pro bono work in 2015-2016. Much of her pro bono time was devoted to Advancing Education's Promise, the Baltimore office's Signature Project, including representing the parent of a disabled student with regard to the student's educational rights. After consulting with the student's doctors and therapists, Rachael attended several Individualized Education Program ("IEP") meetings with his teachers and school officials to advocate for the student to receive additional supports to help him succeed in school and ensure the school was in compliance with state and federal law.

Rachael also has represented a client in the appeal of his multiple criminal convictions. Rachael researched and drafted the appellate briefs and argued the appeal before Maryland's intermediate appellate court.