

D. Ciana Williams, Esq., Associate



Ms. Williams focuses her practice in the area of employment litigation with an emphasis on post-employment restrictive covenants, trade secrets, and other intellectual property rights.

Her experience includes pursuing injunctive relief in federal court to enforce post-employment obligations and to protect proprietary rights. She frequently represents clients in securities industry disputes involving violations of the Protocol for Broker Recruiting, industry raiding claims, employment contract disputes, and claims of unfair competition, tortious interference with business relations, and breach of fiduciary duty. She has also represented clients in government investigations and ERISA litigation.

Prior to joining Rubin Fortunato, Ms. Williams practiced at a large Philadelphia law firm where she focused on complex commercial litigation matters and electronic discovery.

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Education

Drexel University (B.A., 2003, summa cum laude)

University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2007)

Practice Focus

Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secrets
Employment Litigation - Employers
Employment and Related Agreements

Admitted to Practice

Pennsylvania, 2007
New Jersey, 2007
US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2007
US District Court, District of New Jersey, 2007

Practice Highlights

- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. v. William A. Claridge, Martin A. Coleman III, Patrick G. Lewis, et al., FINRA Dispute Resolution No. 09-03424 (2010): obtained \$552,875 in compensatory damages, \$400,000 in punitive damages and forum fees against competitor Morgan Stanley for the raiding of Merrill Lynch's Bozeman, MT office

News, Events, and Publications of Interest

- Rubin Fortunato Often at the Center of Big Securities Litigation, Trends: rubinfortunato.com/news, 12/15/10



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