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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth

Commercial Litigation

Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation

International Private Wealth

Litigation

Real Estate

Real Estate Litigation

Industries

Family Offices

Private Client Services

Education

JD, Fordham University School of Law

BA, Fordham University, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Southern District of New York

Representing private clients in litigation requires an appreciation for the dynamics of these often-sensitive disputes. Whether Bonnie is advising high-net-worth individuals, families or fiduciary trust companies, she balances her extensive experience in commercial litigation with a sensitivity to the needs and expectations of private clients and fiduciaries.

Finding efficient solutions for sensitive litigation

Bonnie knows that most parties want a quick and practical resolution to private client disputes. She therefore focuses on her clients' desired endgame from day one, looking for the most efficient way of getting there. It's a no-nonsense approach that often results in favorable resolutions. For Bonnie and her clients, those can come either through negotiated settlements or effective litigation tactics.

Bonnie demonstrated her talent for efficiency when she attended college and law school at night while working in the financial services industry. That experience provided valuable background for her present work, and it has helped her to achieve success for her clients' results. Among other wins, Bonnie has earned the dismissal of a \$40 million fraud claim against an insurer, defeated a \$100 million claim against an estate and secured a \$150 million settlement for a client against the estate of her ex-husband.

On top of her industry experience, Bonnie brings detailed knowledge of commercial litigation to all of her work. She regularly represents clients in disputes involving real estate, commercial contracts and business torts.

Representative Experience

- Defended a global trade credit insurance company against tort claims in which the plaintiff bank sought in excess of \$42 million in damages. Dismissal was affirmed by the Appellate Division, First Department.
- Defend a national banking association in its capacity as corporate trustee against claims brought by beneficiaries pertaining to a property sale. Plaintiffs seek in excess of \$100 million in damages.
- Represented executors of a \$279 million estate against claims brought by family members seeking in excess of \$85 million.

"Bonnie is a terrific litigator. She is a very talented lawyer who is a go-to for contentious issues." "She is a formidable litigator who is terrific to work with. She is very polished and straightforward."

- *Chambers High Net Worth 2022*

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