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Stephanie Resnick is the Managing Partner of the firm's Philadelphia office and Chair of the Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance Practice Group. She is consistently ranked among the top business trial lawyers both regionally and nationally and is lauded by her colleagues and peers for her strategic handling of high-stakes, complex business disputes in the federal and state courts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and beyond. She has served as lead counsel in numerous high-profile litigation matters. She has been noted by peers in top publications such as *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA* and *Benchmark Litigation* as "one of the best litigators in the city – aggressive, driven and responsive." She has an "easygoing but powerful presence" and is noted for her "ability to handle things calmly while maintaining an unflinching stance."

Stephanie is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee. She previously chaired the firmwide national Litigation Department, overseeing more than 300 attorneys in 21 offices, a position she held for seven years. In state and federal courts across the United States, she has earned a reputation for sound judgment and innovative problem solving. Corporate executives, *Fortune* 500 companies and family-owned businesses turn to Stephanie for solutions to their most difficult and sensitive personal and professional issues.

Stephanie has tried and arbitrated complicated and complex business litigation, including injunctions. She handles the following types of litigation:

- Directors' and officers' liability and corporate governance
- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Family business disputes
- Defense of class actions
- Books and records demands
- Shareholder derivative actions
- Intellectual property disputes
- Errors and omissions disputes
- Unfair business practices and competition and misappropriation of trade secrets
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Federal RICO actions



- Health care/physician issues
- Employment litigation, including restrictive covenants
- Defamation and media issues
- Ethics and professional liability
- Insurance and reinsurance issues

In recent years, Stephanie has received a remarkable collection of accolades from the most prestigious ranking organizations in the world.

Stephanie has been named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list* for Commercial Litigation, and as one of the leading litigation attorneys in Pennsylvania by *Chambers USA**. *Benchmark Litigation* lists Stephanie as one of the "Top 250 Female Litigators in America*" and as a "Litigation Star*" in Pennsylvania. Stephanie was also selected for inclusion in the inaugural edition of the Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of AV Preeminent Women Lawyers™*, which includes less than five percent of women lawyers, and has been added every year since.

For many years, Stephanie has been named as to the "Super Lawyers" list* and one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers in Pennsylvania.*" She was one of only 10 women included in a list of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania*" by *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine*, which also recognized her as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Philadelphia.*"

Stephanie is also a recipient of the coveted Sandra Day O'Connor Award*, presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Named for the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, the award has been conferred annually since 1993 on a woman attorney who has achieved the highest degree of professional excellence in her field and has visibly used her position and stature in the community to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Stephanie volunteers for numerous nonprofit organizations. She has also been actively involved in the community in numerous leadership positions.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- Insurance
- Health Law
- Class Actions
- Law Firms & Attorneys
- Intellectual Property
- E-Discovery
- Media & Defamation
- Trade Secrets

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York



Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

Education

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 1984)
- Kenyon College (A.B., 1981)

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- American Law Institute
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Board of Directors

- Corporate Executive Board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Former Chair of the Board of Directors of Women's Way
- Former Chair of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention of the Philadelphia Bar Association
- Former Chair of Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Representative Matters

Recent cases that Stephanie has handled successfully include:

- Representation of a national dietary supplement manufacturer and its directors and officers in a nationwide class action alleging fraud and breach of warranty.
- Representation of officers and directors of closely held corporation in corporate governance, shareholder and intra-board disputes.
- Representation of physician practice with multimillion-dollar revenues in shareholder dispute.
- Representation of physicians in federal and state RICO actions.
- Representation of officers and directors of charitable foundation and nonprofit organization in issues concerning the control of the board of directors and other corporate governance decisions.
- Representation of a shareholder in a shareholder dispute in state and federal courts involving a two billion-dollar metals business.



- Representation of officers and directors of a large closely held publishing company of romance and mystery novels in a lawsuit involving control of the company and corporate governance issues.
- Representation of family member owners, who were partners in a restaurant chain, in a lawsuit against other partners in the business.
- Representation of officers and directors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.
- Representation of Major League Soccer team and officers in defense of RICO and related state claims.
- Representation of a trading card manufacturer in a nationwide class action alleging fraud in sale of product claiming it constituted “illegal gambling.”
- Representation of a director of a major not-for-profit overseeing billions of dollars of assets in intra-board disputes.
- Representation of officers and directors of a submarine manufacturer in a shareholder oppression lawsuit.
- Representation of officers and directors of one of the largest manufacturers of home exercise sports equipment in an adversary action in bankruptcy court.
- Representation of officers and directors of a national cosmetics manufacturer in false advertising and Lanham Act claims.
- Representation of directors and officers of a retirement community in a class action arising out of hundreds of claims related to a failed senior housing project.
- Representation of officers and directors of a nonprofit homeowners’ association comprised of over 500 homes in a series of defamation and related actions.
- Representation of officers and directors of an apparel manufacturer in a preliminary injunction hearing in federal court against its competitor relating to theft of trade secrets and other claims.
- Representation of officers and directors of a major snack food manufacturer in breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- Representation of a major hotel chain and officers in TRO proceedings relating to business disputes with certain customers.
- Representation of officers and directors of numerous MRI centers in a dispute over earn-out and other contractual provisions.
- Representation of directors and officers in a federal court action involving a failed savings and loan against claims of mismanagement and fraud.
- Representation of an *Am Law* 100 law firm in professional negligence action.
- Representation of fiduciary claims in actions related to pension plans, health and life insurance.

Honors and Awards



2017



2018



2018



2019



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Rankings

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Litigation in Pennsylvania, (2009-2020)*
- Named to the “Trailblazers” list for Litigation by *The National Law Journal* (2016)*
- Member of the Pennsylvania Litigation Department of the Year for General Litigation (Large Firms) as chosen by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2017)*
- Martindale-Hubbell®
 - Rated AV Preeminent™ (2004-present)*
 - “AV Preeminent™ Top Rated Lawyer in Pennsylvania” (2014-present)*
 - “Highest Possible Rating in Both Legal Ability & Ethical Standards” (2014-present)*
 - Listed in the Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™
 - Rated AV Preeminent™ in Special Judicial Edition (2017-present)*
 - AV Top Rated Lawyers in Litigation, as featured in *ALM* publications (2009-present)*
- American Lawyer Media
 - Named to the “Women Leaders in the Law” list (2015-2016, 2019)*
- Named to “The Best Lawyers in America” list, as featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The American Registry*, for Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law in Pennsylvania by *Best Lawyers* (2013-2021)*
- Named to the “Women Lawyer of the Year” Honorees list by *Best Lawyers* (2016)*
- *Benchmark Litigation: Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*
 - Selected to the “Litigation Stars” list in Pennsylvania (2013-2020)*
 - Listed in the “Top 250 Women in Litigation” list (2012-2019)*



- Super Lawyers
 - Selected to the “Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania” list, as featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine* (2004-2018)*
 - Named to the “Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania” list, as featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine* (2009, 2011, 2014-2016, 2018)*
 - Selected to the “Top 100 Lawyers in Philadelphia” list, as featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine* (2009, 2011, 2014-2018)*
 - Selected to the “Super Lawyers” list, as featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine*, in the area of Business Litigation (2004-2020)*
- Selected to the “Super Lawyers - Business Edition” list in the area of Business Litigation (2013, 2014)*
- Named to the “Leaders in the Law” list by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* (2009-2011)*

Awards

- Recognized for Lifetime Achievement in *Corporate Counsel* and *InsideCounsel's* Women, Influence & Power in Law award series (2019)
- Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, *The Legal Intelligencer* (2019)
- Named to the “Influencers of Law” list by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (2018)*
- Honored as a “Builder” by Women’s Way (2017)
- Recipient of the “Sandra Day O’Connor Award” from the Philadelphia Bar Association (2010)*
- ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, Third Circuit Representative (2009-2010)
- Appointed by the Mayor of Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Advisory Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform (2009)
- Named to the “Women of the Year” list by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2014)*
- Recipient of the “Women of Distinction Award” from the *Philadelphia Business Journal* (2004)*



Distinguished Elected Memberships

- Member of the American Law Institute
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

[*Awards Methodology](#)

Leadership

A noted leader both within the firm and the legal community, Stephanie has held various positions throughout her career. From August 2009 to August 2010, Stephanie served as the Third Circuit Representative to the ABA Standing



Committee on the Federal Judiciary, which evaluates candidates for the federal judiciary at the U.S. District, U.S. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court levels. During her tenure, a significant number of prospective nominees were vetted along with two Supreme Court justices. The Committee works closely with the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Justice Department and the White House.

In 2009, Stephanie was appointed and served on the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, which recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service. She also previously served as Chair of the Committee.

In October 2008, Stephanie was appointed to serve on Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's Advisory Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform, which in December 2009 issued a comprehensive report and recommendations to the Mayor and to the President of City Council of the City of Philadelphia.

For more than 25 years, Stephanie has been extensively involved in numerous leadership positions in the Philadelphia Bar Association, including as Chair of the Association's Board of Governors (2008-2009); as Chair of the Federal Courts Committee, the liaison between the federal bench and its practitioners (2004); and as Chair of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention (Judicial Commission) (1997).

In 2007, Stephanie served as Co-Chair of the Friends Committee of the National Association of Women Judges.

In 2005, Stephanie was appointed a member of the Merit Selection Panel to consider reappointment of U.S. magistrate judges.

In 1996, Stephanie was appointed Trustee of the Campaign for Qualified Judges and was also appointed by the then President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas to the Task Force on Gender Fairness in the Courts. Stephanie also served as Co-Chair of the Women's Rights Committee and as a member of the Professional Responsibility, Professional Guidance and Fee Disputes Committees.

Firm Leadership

- Office Managing Partner, Philadelphia Office
- Chair, Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance Practice Group
- Member, Executive Committee
- Former Chair, Litigation Department
- Former Chair, Partnership Advancement Committee

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