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Antoinette C. Oliver is a member of the Litigation, Insurance Coverage, Employment Law, and Intellectual Property Practice Groups. She is also a member of the firm's Management Committee and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Associates Committee and as the firm's Pro Bono Coordinator.

Her business litigation practice involves representing clients in commercial disputes in both state and federal court, as well as in arbitration proceedings. She has litigated claims for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, fraud, negligence, UCC and insurance coverage. Additionally, Ms. Oliver has litigated corporate disputes, including disputes over ownership as well as corporate misconduct. She also has substantial experience in defending clients against products liability and personal injury claims. She has been appointed as an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Neutral by the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

A significant portion of Ms. Oliver's practice involves representing clients in employment law matters, including employment discrimination claims, post-employment restrictions, covenants not to compete, and wage payment claims.

In addition, she focuses her practice on intellectual property law including trademarks and trade secret litigation. She has also represented individuals and companies before the Internal Revenue Service (in connection with examinations and appeals of audits), the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, and the United States Tax Court (in connection with tax litigation).

In 2013 Ms. Oliver, along with Meyer, Unkovic & Scott associate attorneys, led the development and launch of the Landlord Tenant Project, a program operated in conjunction with Neighborhood Legal Services and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. The Project, which is a signature project of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership, provides free representation to individuals who have been denied Section 8 or public housing. In addition, the Project represents those who need assistance to appeal a judgment of possession at an arbitration hearing. The volunteer attorneys also staff a hotline, which provides advice to low-income tenants. In 2019, Ms. Oliver led the expansion of the Project to include pro bono representation of indigent clients at landlord tenant mediations held as part of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas' Housing Court. Ms. Oliver was a member of the task force established by the Court to form the Housing Court and was instrumental in developing the provision of pro bono services offered to low-income individuals appearing before that Court.

As a result of their efforts, the Allegheny County Bar Association honored the firm with its Organization Pro Bono Achievement Award in 2014, and in 2017 the firm received the Pro Bono Institute's Corporate Pro Bono Award. In 2019, the firm's work on these projects was recognized by the Pittsburgh Business Times with a Corporate Citizenship Award.



Capabilities

- Litigation
- Employment Law
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property

Awards & Honors

- Elected to The Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Selected to Super Lawyers® in 2023 and 2024
- Included in The Best Lawyers in America® for Commercial Litigation
- 2018 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award Honoree
- 2018 Allegheny County Bar Association Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award Recipient
- Selected to the Pennsylvania Rising Stars list – 2013-2020
- Selected as a “2016 Fast Tracker” by the Pittsburgh Business Times
- Selected as a “2015 Lawyer on the Fast Track” by the Legal Intelligencer
- Selected as a “Young Lawyer Fellow” of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation

Professional/Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Academy of Trial Lawyers, Member
 - Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership, Immediate Past Chair and the Firm’s Representative on the Executive Board
- Project Manager of Landlord Tenant Advice Project, Landlord Tenant Mediation Pro Bono Project and Custody Conciliation Pro Bono Project (signature projects of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership)
- Leadership Group member of Meritas® Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Public Service Committee, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- MERITAS Young Lawyer Representative 2012-2020

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia



Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States Tax Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2007
- B.A., Smith College, 2002, *cum laude*

Writing/Speaking

- “Petitions for Injunctive Relief: State and Federal,” CLE co-presenter, hosted by ACBA, August 8, 2023.
- “Allegheny County Housing Court: How it Works and how You Can Help,” CLE co-presenter, hosted by ACBA Bench Bar Conference, June 16, 2023.
- “Landlord Tenant Law and Issues: Housing Court,” presenter, hosted by Neighborhood Legal Services, June 21, 2019, October, 2019, December 8, 2021, and December 7, 2022, February 20, 2023.
- Landlord Tenant Hotline CLE, co-presenter, hosted by Arconic and Neighborhood Legal Services, March 13, 2019.
- “Referral and reporting procedure,” Presenter, *Custody Conciliation – a Partnership Project*, CLE course hosted by the Neighborhood Legal Services Association and Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, May 16, 2016.
- “Handling Transgender Issues,” Presenter, *Practical Tips: How to Comply with Recent Changes to Employment and Immigration Policies*, seminar hosted by the firm’s Employment Law and Employee Benefits Group, October 2015.
- “Business Workshop: Medical Leave: FMLA v. ADA,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Business Workshop, August 19, 2014.
- “Think Twice About 'Maximum Medical Leave' Employee Policies,” Co-author, *Western Pennsylvania Healthcare News*, July 31, 2014.

