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OVERVIEW

Stefanie Lacy is a partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office, who maintains an active litigation and counseling practice representing public and private companies in a variety of industries and sectors, with a particular focus on manufacturing, locomotive, and solar. Stefanie works closely with her clients to develop efficient and cost-effective strategies to mitigate risk and resolve disputes through negotiated settlements, mediations, arbitrations, or trials. Stefanie has extensive experience leading and managing complex commercial litigation in both State and Federal courts across the country, including handling large volume claims and related settlement funds.

Stefanie was recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for her work in Commercial Litigation in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021-2024)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Heart Association
- Former Vice Chair of Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Michigan State University, College of Law, 2013 (*magna cum laude*; *Michigan State International Law Review*, Articles Editor)
- B.A., Purdue University, 2010 (*highest honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 23 March 2018, Civil Forfeiture: Can the Government Really Seize and Take Ownership of My Company's Assets?
- 29 November 2016, International AML Enforcement in 2017 Expected to Target Consumer-Due-Diligence Programs, Gaming Entities, Prepaid Cards, Digital Currencies, and High-Risk Nested Accounts

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 March 2022, K&L Gates Names Nearly 40 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Mass Tort
- Product Liability
- White Collar Defense and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Manufacturing

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented manufacturer of heating products in connection with litigation of claims arising from allegedly defective products

- Represented manufacturer of solar products in connection with litigation of claims arising from allegedly defective products
- Represented major chemical company in connection with the defense of civil liability and damage claims arising from a series of well-publicized chemical fires at a Texas facility in the wake of Hurricane Harvey in September 2017, including the defense in federal court of a class action involving upwards of 30,000 individuals who allege a variety of personal and property injuries and a Texas state-court MDL proceeding involving more than 750 plaintiffs, who were allegedly injured and/or suffered property damage during the fires
- Represented orthopedic finishing company in connection with litigation of claims arising from a fire at its premises
- Represented energy services company in defense of tort-based personal injury lawsuits alleged by employees of subsidiary company
- Represented organization in nationwide personal injury litigation
- Represented sports entertainment company in class action litigation involving claims arising out of traumatic brain injuries
- Conducted internal investigations and managed large settlement fund on behalf of ecclesiastical organization
- Represented international rail and transportation services company in litigation against former employee arising out of a restrictive covenant in a stock incentive plan
- Represented international rail and transportation services company in litigation against former employee for violations of federal and state trade secrets law and violation of restrictive covenant in a stock incentive plan
- Represented sports entertainment company in litigation of claims arising entitlement to royalties from streaming content
- Represented independent board of directors of government contractor after search warrant was executed at contractor's headquarters, resulting in prompt and thorough firm-led internal investigation, proffer to government, and issuance of declination letter as to all potentially implicated parties
- Defended financial institution during federal criminal investigations of Bank Secrecy Act and related anti-money-laundering violations, resulting in deferred prosecution agreement and restitution payment well below original government demand