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PROFILE

Sabina is an experienced trial lawyer who has successfully litigated multiple complex civil cases in federal courts and arbitral forums, representing clients spanning a variety of industries.

In each of her matters, Sabina focuses on preparing cases for trial and working with her clients to develop a strategy and narrative from day one. Her matters are often high-profile, and she has experience litigating cases that garner significant media attention.

Sabina has defended various large companies in complex civil litigation. Her recent victories include a full defense jury verdict for a Fortune 50 company at trial in the Southern District of New York and a favorable summary judgment ruling in a billion-dollar contract dispute between two Fortune 500 companies. She has also represented venture capital and private equity firms, film production companies, foreign governmental entities, and individuals in a variety of trials. In addition to her defense work, Sabina does significant work on the plaintiff's side, including securing a historic settlement for a class of Jeffrey Epstein's survivors against JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank, representing a major non-profit organization in a defamation action against a public broadcasting company, and representing a software development company in a series of patent infringement lawsuits in federal court.

Additionally, Sabina has successfully represented individuals and entities in enforcement actions and investigations by the FTC, SEC, DOJ, and other government agencies. She also has significant experience representing crime victims in parallel civil and criminal proceedings or investigations.

Sabina joined the firm after clerking for the Hon. Ronald Lee Gilman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to



PRACTICES

Global Investigations and White Collar Defense
Crisis Management
Securities and Shareholder Disputes
Commercial Disputes
Patent Litigation
Media and First Amendment

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*;
Managing Editor, Boston University Law Review
Wake Forest University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy
& Communications

ADMISSIONS

Bars

New York
New Jersey
U.S. District Court: Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court: Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court: District of New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals: Sixth Circuit

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star (2020-2021)

that position, she clerked for the Hon. Edward G. Smith of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and worked as an associate in the New York office of another major law firm.

EXPERIENCE

Sabina's experience includes:

- Representing Jeffrey Epstein's survivors in class actions against JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank alleging that the banks benefited from sex trafficking, resulting in unprecedented settlements for the survivors
- Defended Fortune 50 company in an employment discrimination matter brought by a former executive, obtaining a full defense verdict after a jury trial
- Representing Hollywood production company Red Granite Pictures in matters relating to the 1Malaysia Development Berhad scandal
- Representing the City of Almaty, Kazakhstan, and BTA Bank in civil litigation, including a multi-week jury trial, against the former president of BTA and others in connection with a money laundering scheme
- Defending the founder and former CEO of a public company in a putative securities fraud class action, obtaining dismissal of the majority of the claims on a motion to dismiss
- Representing Walmart against another Fortune 500 company in a contract dispute worth more than \$1 billion
- Representing a high-profile individual in a defamation action against an online news publication
- Representing a major U.S. non-profit organization in a defamation action against a public broadcasting company
- Defended a venture capital firm and its chairman in an enforcement action brought by the Federal Trade Commission, obtaining a complete win mid-trial
- Represented a major credit rating agency in an SEC enforcement investigation and other regulatory inquiries

Sabina's significant pro bono work includes:

- Handling constitutional litigation in Louisiana following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, winning the first ruling in the nation to block enforcement of a state's "trigger bans"
- Representing Jeffrey Epstein's survivors in a claims administration program, as witnesses and crime victims during the trial of Ghislaine Maxwell, and in civil matters, including litigation against Prince Andrew

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

CLERKSHIPS

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Hon. Edward G. Smith, U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Ronald Lee Gilman, U.S. Court of Appeals: Sixth Circuit

Co-author, **Challenging State Abortion Bans in Light of FDA's Rule Change on the Sale of Abortion Pills**, *MedCity News* (February 2023)

Co-author, **Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse Need Broader Legal Protections**, *Bloomberg Law* (January 2023)

Co-author, **In the Eye of the Beholder: The DOJ's Overreliance on 'Taint Teams' to Review Privileged Communications**, *Global Investigations Review* (March 2022)

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