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Leah represents clients in a variety of complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts. She works with clients in multiple industries, including government contracting, computing infrastructure, telecom, and media; and she has experience with all stages of litigation, from pre-complaint investigations to discovery, motions practice, trial, post-judgment matters, and settlement.

Before joining the firm, Leah served as a judicial law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Leah brings the skills and insight she acquired as a clerk to client matters before judges in the Eastern District of Virginia, as well as other courts.

Leah maintains an active pro bono practice representing individuals and organizations in the D.C. area and across the country, for which she has been recognized by the firm and outside organizations. Through her pro bono work, Leah has authored briefs in multiple appellate matters and has assisted clients with landlord-tenant disputes, First Amendment issues, matters regarding service member benefits, and clemency requests.

Representative Matters

- Represents global defense contractor in state court dispute regarding acquisition and operation of start-up.
- Represents global risk management company and its subsidiary in federal court action regarding Anti-Terrorism Act.
- Represents foreign defense contractor in complex dispute in E. D. Va.

Practice Areas

Litigation

Eastern District of Virginia: The Rocket Docket

Commercial Litigation

Trademark

Cybersquatting & Internet IP

Credentials

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law

B.A., *summa cum laude*, College of William & Mary

Law Journals

Submissions Review Board, *Journal of Law & Politics*

Publications Editor, *Virginia Journal of International Law*

Clerkships

Law Clerk for the Hon. M. Hannah Lauck, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2021-2023)

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar

Maryland Bar

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

- Represents online gaming company in connection with trademark and copyright infringement matters in E.D. Va.
- Represents telecommunications provider in complex dispute in federal court.
- Represents provider of AI and High-Performance Computing (HPC) solutions in M&A litigation concerning purchase-price adjustments under stock purchase agreement.
- Represented natural and organic food company in trademark dispute.

Professional Experience

- First Amendment Clinic, University of Virginia School of Law (2020-2021)
- Judicial Intern, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2019)
- Paralegal, DC Office of large DC-based law firm (2016-2018)

Affiliations

Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Federal Bar Association, Northern Virginia Chapter