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Marissa Parker represents corporate, mutual fund, institutional and nonprofit clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation matters, with a focus in securities, investment management, health care and ERISA. Routinely serving clients in highly-regulated industries, she brings a practical, business-oriented approach to problem solving and a commitment to achieving outcomes with short and long-term value. This includes counseling clients on early case assessment, potential litigation opportunities and strategic resolution of disputes short of trial. Marissa's practice is informed by a wide range of experience litigating cases involving securities fraud, professional liability, shareholder derivative and investor rights, fiduciary breaches, contract and indemnification obligations, wrongful death, patent infringement, and the scope of constitutional protections for religious organizations.

Both informally and as chair of the firm's Hiring Committee, Marissa champions the development of associate talent, diversity leadership and firm citizenship.

RESULTS

- obtained favorable settlement for more than 100 mutual funds and institutional investors as plaintiffs in securities fraud opt-out actions against Petrobras arising from the Brazilian oil industry giant's long-running bribery and kickback scheme and overstatement of assets
- vindicated business judgment of Invesco mutual funds and their special litigation committee by securing dismissal of derivative lawsuit challenging redemptions of auction-rate preferred securities
- obtained a unanimous arbitration award for specific performance of sellers' post-closing contingent payment obligations arising out of client-buyer's \$60 million acquisition of a global apparel labeling business
- obtained a multimillion-dollar settlement on the night before trial for local manufacturing company in a merger and acquisition dispute with global packaging company
- defeated an emergency application for temporary restraints brought by 42 providers against a UnitedHealth Group managed care organization seeking to enforce the terms of its provider contracts
- defended law firm in ERISA class action involving allegations of malpractice and equitable claims for disgorgement, resolved by settlement

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FOCUS

Litigation

Investment Management Litigation

Securities Litigation & Enforcement

Health Care Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Nonprofit & Religious Organizations Litigation

Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

New York

COURTS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Temple University
Beasley School of Law

B.A., Brown University

MEMBERSHIPS

Chair, Stradley Ronon Hiring Committee

Board of Directors, Minds Matter of Philadelphia

Executive Committee, Brown Alumni Club of Philadelphia

Host Committee Chair, Back on My Feet Annual Bash

Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee



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- obtained dismissal of putative class action against health insurer for policy rescission practice
- obtained dismissal of putative class action 401(k) fee suit alleging excessive fees and improper menu recommendations for ERISA plan by investment advisor
- obtained dismissal of a RICO and tortious interference lawsuit brought against SPX Corporation subsidiary in the business of manufacturing of industrial ventilation equipment
- obtained a reversal on appeal of an agency's denial of a financial hardship exemption for a nonprofit entity to demolish an historically designated building
- defended STMicroelectronics, a Swiss-based semiconductor company, against patent infringement claims relating to transistor design in high-speed integrated circuits
- secured full release and dismissal of third-party claims against a wastewater treatment company with zero contribution to multiparty, six-figure settlement of Clean Water Act civil enforcement suit
- represented UnitedHealth Group's managed care organizations in dozens of evidentiary hearings involving challenges to due process and medical necessity determinations regarding Medicaid benefits
- defended Ivera Medical Corporation, a California-based medical products company, in a series of related cases against patent infringement claims and validity challenges to patents concerning disinfecting products
- contributed to numerous state and federal appellate, trial, and amici briefs on the scope and applicability of the First Amendment to regulation of religious institutions

While attending law school, Marissa interned for the Hon. Richard B. Klein of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the Hon. Thomas J. Rueter, Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She received awards for her trial advocacy and transactional practice skills and served as a note/comment editor for the *Temple Law Review*.

Prior to attending law school, Marissa worked as a project director and research consultant for two international environmental nonprofit organizations, engaging in policy-related research and programming.



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, “Practice Group Areas Led by LCLD Fellows,” 2018 1L LCLD Scholars Summit
- Speaker, “Role Reversal: Funds as Plaintiffs,” ICI Mutual Insurance Company Risk Management Conference
- Presenter, “Opt-In or Opt-Out: The Changing Landscape of Securities Class Actions and Its Impact on Mutual Funds,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum Webinar
- Panelist, “You Passed the Bar, Now What: How to Succeed in Your First Year as an Attorney, and How to Gain Experience,” Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division and Large Firm Management Committee Bootcamp

RECOGNITION

- *The Legal Intelligencer*, “Lawyers on the Fast Track”
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow
- Forum Of Executive Women’s Mentoring Program Graduate
- United Way’s Young Leaders Program Graduate
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Star

