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Brandon Riley regularly represents corporate, nonprofit, municipal, and financial services industry clients in federal and state courts, as well as private domestic, FINRA, and international arbitration. Brandon focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and resolving sophisticated business disputes, and has experience litigating securities and derivative suits, insurance coverage and ERISA matters, intellectual property disputes, First Amendment civil rights claims, and securities industry regulatory enforcement, internal investigations, and customer actions. Brandon is also an accomplished appellate advocate, and has significant experience at each level of the appellate process in Pennsylvania and in the federal courts. In addition, Brandon frequently serves as an arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas' compulsory arbitration program, where he has adjudicated dozens of cases.

RESULTS

- obtained precedential opinion in Third Circuit in favor of major flood insurer affirming summary judgment on one-year statute of limitations under the Standard Flood Insurance Policy
- secured complete victory on preliminary objections on behalf of large design, engineering, construction and mechanical services company, defeating direct and derivative claims of aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty arising from a shareholder dispute in the wake of the client's terminated asset purchase agreement with the target company
- obtained affirmance in Third Circuit of dismissal of First Amendment retaliation claims against South Jersey police chief and police department employees
- obtained FINRA arbitration award for all compensable damages—including attorneys' fees and costs—on behalf of broker-dealer involving former employee's unrepaid promissory notes
- obtained favorable settlement on behalf of majority shareholders in an expedited shareholder dispute in the Delaware Chancery Court, involving a minority investor exercising "drag along" rights under the company's operating agreement to force sale of the company to a third party
- contributed to numerous federal amicus briefs on the scope and applicability of the First Amendment to regulation of religious institutions, including at the certiorari and merits stages in the Supreme Court of the United States

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FOCUS

Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
Securities Litigation & Enforcement
Appellate Practice
Nonprofit & Religious Organizations Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

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 Middle District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Rutgers University
School of Law - Camden
B.S., *with distinction*, Iowa State University

MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Board, City Year Philadelphia
Golf Committee, Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice of South Jersey
Philadelphia Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Stradley Ronon Technology Committee
Stradley Ronon Pro Bono Committee

LANGUAGES

Spanish (proficient)



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- represented more than 100 mutual funds and institutional investors with more than \$2 billion in trading losses 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
- represented a global aerospace manufacturer in a multimillion dollar international arbitration, defeating all disputed claims and prevailing on counterclaims for substantial monetary damages
- obtained favorable settlement on behalf of broker-dealer in FINRA customer action involving allegations that the broker misappropriated the customer's funds
- recovered the entire amount in dispute on behalf of major mutual funds provider in reclamation action, and secured the release of defendants' multimillion dollar counterclaim
- represented financial institution in responding to SEC relating to its investigation of alleged misrepresentations to customers
- drafted several successful summary judgment motions on behalf of national flood insurance carriers litigating disputes arising under the Standard Flood Insurance Policy
- obtained favorable settlement for mutual fund provider following FINRA internal investigation, where the regulator threatened a severe fine for a failure to update its supervisory procedures

