

## Brian P. Seaman

### Counsel and Chief Diversity Officer

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A member of the firm since 2003, Brian Seaman is an experienced products liability and health care attorney with significant trial experience. Over the last decade, Brian has successfully defended national manufacturing clients when disputes arose regarding their products (including pharmaceuticals, combustible truck tires and exercise equipment) and regularly defends health care organizations on ERISA and coverage issues. He is also an experienced trial attorney and has acted as trial counsel on many state and federal court trials (as well as more than 20 arbitrations and mediations).

Brian serves as Stradley Ronon's Chief Diversity Officer, leading the firm-wide inclusion and equity initiatives. Over the last five years, Brian has orchestrated the design and implementation of the firm's diversity and inclusion strategies. He has helped to chart a multi-year roadmap for Stradley Ronon to develop best practices. Brian regularly acts as a resource to the board of directors and other key members of firm leadership on diversity issues. He collaborates with Stradley Ronon's clients to ensure the firm's diversity initiatives are aligned with client inclusion goals. Brian is also an integral part of the firm's efforts to recruit, promote, retain diverse attorneys, and help redesign Stradley Ronon's hiring process to reduce bias. Brian continues his work outside of the firm, where he is heavily involved with organizations dedicated to equity and inclusion and is regularly sought out for his perspective on innovative approaches to diversity questions.

### RESULTS

- acted as trial counsel on a high-profile trial involving a Ponzi scheme perpetrated by a client employee
- defended a pharmaceutical manufacturer in a high-profile products liability trial
- defended an exercise equipment company in a series of personal injury product defect cases
- represented a national metal and aluminum company in a wrongful death action resulting from exploding truck parts
- defended an industrial client in an action regarding potentially inadequate or defective safety apparatuses at a commercial facility

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### FOCUS

Products Liability & Mass Tort Defense  
Life Sciences  
Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation  
Litigation  
Environmental, Social and Governance

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania  
New Jersey  
New York

### COURTS

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

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
B.A., *cum laude*, University of Notre Dame

### MEMBERSHIPS

Chair, Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee  
Board of Directors, 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Theatre Company  
Former Chair of the Board of Directors, Mazeppa Productions  
Former Member, Board of Directors, Wilma Theater Company  
Stradley Ronon Hiring Committee



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- obtained a full defense verdict for a development corporation in an action involving a plaintiff claiming significant personal injuries resulting from defective construction materials
- obtained a favorable settlement during a trial involving novel legal issues relating to property rights in cadavers and emotional distress caused by outrageous treatment of a corpse
- defended a provider of Internet-based services in a copyright infringement trial involving unique legal issues relating to technology and web-based services
- obtained a defense verdict in an arbitration matter involving a breach of contract in a construction action

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, "The Intersection of Arts, Activism & the Law - A Conversation with Simon Tam," Stradley Ronon
- Panelist, "Diversity and Inclusion in Philadelphia's Financial Industry," *Philadelphia Business Journal*
- Moderator, "A Candid Conversation with Hispanic Leaders," Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee
- Speaker, Legal Diversity Alumni Presentation to Board of Directors, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
- Participant, "Diversity Roundtable," *The Legal Intelligencer*
- Presenter, "Out in the Practice," National LGBT Law Conference (Lavender Law)
- Presenter, "Six-Word Memoir," G Philly
- Presenter, "LGBT Issues," Philadelphia Diversity & Leadership Conference
- Presenter, "Confessions of Judgment and Deficiency Judgments in Pennsylvania," Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Presenter, "Unique Issues Faced by LGBT Lawyers in Interview & Summer Clerkships," Drexel OUTLaw

## RECOGNITIONS

- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, "Philadelphia LGBT Awards Honoree"
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, "Diverse Attorneys of the Year"
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, "40 Under 40"
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, "Lawyer on the Fast Track"
- *National LGBT Bar Association*, "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40"
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow
- *Philadelphia Magazine*, "Who's Who in the A-Gay Universe"
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, Rising Star



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

Brian is active in many arts and professional organizations throughout the area, including:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Theatre Company - Brian currently serves on the board of directors of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Theatre Company, one of Philadelphia's premier boutique musical theatre companies.
- Mazeppa Productions - Brian co-founded this Philadelphia based musical theater company in 2010. He is the former Mazeppa managing director and board chair and designed the sets for Mazeppa's productions of Spring Awakening, Avenue , and Xanadu. Mazeppa has been critically acclaimed since its founding, with Philadelphia Weekly saying Mazeppa "gives just cause to be very optimistic about the future of Philadelphia stage" and the Philadelphia Inquirer saying "it's clear Mazeppa is making some sweet stage magic."
- Wilma Theater - Brian founded the Young Friends of the Wilma Theater program in 2010, which encourages young professionals in the Philadelphia area to attend and appreciate live theater. He was also selected to the board of directors in 2010 and made significant contributions as a three-year member of the special events and nomination committees.
- GALLOP - Brian is a member of this professional organization devoted to equality and diversity in the legal community.
- Philadelphia Gryphons Rugby Club - Brian is a proud member of this Philadelphia-area rugby team.

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