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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2015;
Managing Editor, *Yale Journal of Law
and Feminism*

Yale University, M.A., 2012

Yale University, B.A., 2012, cum laude,
distinction in the major



Admissions

New York

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern
and Southern Districts of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District
of Columbia Circuit

Clerkships

Hon. Ralph K. Winter, U.S. Court of
Appeals for the Second Circuit

Hon. Pamela K. Chen, U.S. District
Court for the Eastern District of New
York

Alex represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation and criminal defense matters. Her creativity, research acumen, and persuasive communication abilities consistently yield winning strategies that protect her clients' interests and advance their goals.

Alex serves as a knowledgeable, persistent partner to clients ensnared in disputes that threaten their rights and reputations. She digs deep into difficult and novel issues of law – once reading over 800 federal cases in three days – to craft well-supported arguments that turn the tide. Judges' opinions often note that Alex and her team did not overlook a single relevant case when presenting their briefing or argument.

Alex also devotes significant time to pro bono efforts. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked to secure the compassionate release of vulnerable incarcerated clients. At prior firms, she represented clients attempting to enjoin Mississippi's ban on adoption by same-sex couples and was a member of the team representing victims of white supremacist violence at the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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Before joining Sher Tremonte, Alex was an associate at a litigation boutique firm. In this role, she represented clients in sensitive, high-profile matters pertaining to gender discrimination, #MeToo issues, and Title VII and Title IX litigation in education and workplace settings. Alex also worked at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, where she represented individual and corporate clients in a range of litigation matters, including civil and criminal representation in consumer and securities class actions, Title IX matters, partnership disputes, bankruptcy matters, and internal investigations.

Experience

Defending a \$100 million breach of fiduciary duty action: A deceased employee's estate was sued for disgorgement in the amount of \$100 million because the employee was accused of breaching his fiduciary duty to his company. Alex and her team won a motion to dismiss as well as an appeal at the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, helping the employee's widow and son hold onto the funds their family member had left them.

Litigating novel legal issues in a defamation case: Won a reversal for a client, the plaintiff, in a defamation case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit after it was dismissed by a federal district court. Currently, the team is litigating certified questions regarding Washington, D.C.'s long-arm jurisdiction in the D.C. Court of Appeals – which involve novel questions of constitutional law, public policy, and statutory interpretation related to D.C.'s role as the nation's capital – as Alex prepares to deliver the oral argument.

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Other notable work includes:

- Won a \$14 million judgment for a client in an international arbitration matter.
- Obtained the dismissal of two suits against a client in connection with a related arbitration.
- Achieved favorable results in two sentencings and at trial for indigent clients after being appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act.
- Conducting an internal investigation on behalf of a multinational company.
- Representing a senior employee involved in the high-profile downfall of a capital management firm.
- Representing companies in distressed debt litigations and related bankruptcies.
- Argued a Section 1983 excessive force case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- Won a settlement for the Environmental Defense Fund in Freedom of Information Act litigation against the EPA.
- Won a settlement for a cigarette company accused of trafficking cigarettes.
- Representing a defendant in a \$100 million-plus Medicare fraud case.
- Secured compassionate release for incarcerated clients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recognitions

Selected to the Rising Stars in Litigation list, Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* (2021)

Affiliations

Member, Civil Rights Committee and Pro Bono Advisory Panel, Federal Bar Council (2020-present)

News and Publications

"The Collapse of the House that Ruth Built: The Impact of the 'Feeder System' on Female Judges and the Federal Judiciary," *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* (2015)

Co-author, "Regulation and the Sharing Economy," *New York Law Journal* (2014)