

Amanda Greenfield

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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2014, cum laude; Senior Editor, Harvard Law & Policy Review
University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2011, summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

New York
U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Clerkships

Hon. P. Kevin Castel, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York



Amanda represents businesses, nonprofits, executives, and entrepreneurs in high-stakes commercial and white-collar litigation. She combines tenacity, a strategic eye, and a talent for crafting creative, well-supported arguments to deliver outstanding results for her clients.

Versatility is a hallmark of Amanda's practice. Plaintiffs and defendants across numerous industries – including health care, technology, startups, entertainment, real estate, financial services, education, social services, and energy – turn to her for assistance in addressing a broad range of legal challenges, from complex commercial and criminal cases to regulatory and internal investigations. As a former judicial clerk, Amanda is well-versed in the federal and state court systems and seamlessly interfaces with various government entities, including the New York Attorney General's Office, DOJ, and SEC. Whether advising clients embroiled in investigations, defending them against litigation, or helping them decide whether to bring suit or seek a pre-litigation settlement, she guides individuals and entities alike toward the solution that matches their objectives.

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Amanda brings a unique perspective to her work with corporate clients. She served as Head of Legal at a VC-backed startup, where she oversaw everything from litigation and fundraising to intellectual property development, privacy and security, contract drafting and review, employment matters and more. This experience helps her partner closely with other General Counsels looking to get practical and expedited solutions to tough in-house challenges.

Amanda maintains an active reproductive rights pro bono practice. She is the Founder and Executive Director of The Jane Network, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing reproductive freedom in Florida through advocacy and pro bono legal representation.

Before joining Sher Tremonte, Amanda was an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where she worked on a large securities class action matter, bankruptcy cases, internal investigations, arbitrations, and several pro bono matters.

Experience

Mitigating charges for a defendant in a headline-grabbing case: Represented an individual indicted in a highly publicized criminal RICO conspiracy matter. Through oral advocacy, presentations, and evidence gathering, Amanda and her team successfully placed the client's role among the five other defendants in context and persuaded the government to significantly reduce the charges to a single count of fraud. While the individual initially faced a felony conviction carrying significant jail time, she was ultimately sentenced to a short term of probation.

Advocating for the rights of pro se litigants: Successfully handled an appeal pro bono of a dismissed Section 1983 case for an indigent individual. The case had been dismissed for failure to prosecute as well as the client's failure to pay a sanction imposed. Amanda argued the matter in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and won, convincing the court to reverse the district court's holding and vacate the judgment dismissing the case. The Second Circuit also vacated the lower court's imposition of a sanction, holding that it did not comport with the client's due process rights, a decision that helps safeguard the rights of indigent pro se litigants.

Nipping two lawsuits in the bud: Represented a Greek shipping company's chairman of the board in a securities class action and a separate suit alleging breach of fiduciary duties. Amanda's team prevailed by getting both cases dismissed, achieving swift relief to avoid what would have been long, protracted, and costly lawsuits.

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A partnership buyout dispute with \$40 million at stake: Represented a real estate investment firm in a \$40 million partnership buyout dispute. Received a favorable ruling on a motion for judgment on the pleadings. The court dismissed virtually all of the opposing party's counterclaims and granted Sher Tremonte's motion to limit discovery and expedite resolution of any dispositive issues on summary judgment. The ruling gave the firm's client a clear path to resolve the remaining issues quickly, removing from discovery any number of potentially distracting issues that might be found in the partnership's 30-year history. The parties entered into a favorable settlement soon thereafter.

Successfully turning the tables on a breach of contract suit: Represented a celebrity client being sued in federal court for allegedly breaching an endorsement contract with a designer jewelry brand. Amanda successfully countersued for breach of contract for the plaintiff's failure to compensate her client under the endorsement contract, earning her client a favorable settlement.

Coordinating with outside entities in an investigation: Representing a large, multinational utility company in responding to federal grand jury subpoenas in connection with a bribery kickback scheme. In addition to liaising with the government on an ongoing basis, Amanda worked with a Big Four accounting firm to employ various investigative techniques to uncover the fraud.

Saving a client from indictment in two federal district courts: Represented a criminal client facing indictment in first the Southern District, then the Eastern District of New York. Through effective oral arguments, Amanda and her team demonstrated that her client did not deserve to be charged and convinced the government not to indict.