



PRACTICE FOCUS

Justine Baakman concentrates her practice in the areas of construction law, construction litigation, and commercial litigation. She has defended corporate clients in litigation primarily involving large-scale commercial and residential construction defect claims. She has successfully defended her clients against allegations of violations of applicable federal law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, and regulatory standards, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Justine has experience defending her clients against claims involving the due diligence of their boards and directors. She has also represented her clients in litigation stemming from the dissolution of partnerships. Justine has experience defending her clients in COVID-related litigation, including litigation stemming from allegations of COVID safety-related violations and the impact of COVID restrictions on the contractual obligations of her clients. She has litigated, arbitrated, and mediated complex construction cases in both state and federal court. In addition to representing her clients in active litigation, Ms. Baakman also counsels her clients on manners in which they can avoid litigation - including implementation of document retention policies, safety and job training programs, and risk transfer via contract terms. She often plays a role in negotiating contract terms on behalf of her clients to ensure optimum business outcomes.

EDUCATION

- Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, J.D.
- University of Scranton, B.S., Magna Cum Laude

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania
- New Jersey District Court
- Middle District Court of Pennsylvania

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Law