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PRACTICES Litigation, Employment Litigation, Government Enforcement and Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Power and Renewables Litigation, Insurance Recovery

Amanda Laurel Gayer is an associate in the Business Litigation Practice Group in Haynes Boone's New York office.

Amanda advises clients through all phases of litigation, arbitration and mediation, and works closely with clients to align dispute resolution strategy with broader business goals. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in federal and state court, and before arbitral bodies, including contract and business disputes, renewable energy disputes, distressed debt, real estate and commercial foreclosures, and securities matters.

Amanda also has experience representing clients in a broad range of white-collar matters, including high-profile SEC and DOJ investigations relating to securities fraud, as well as internal investigations regarding regulatory compliance, corruption, discrimination, and workplace misconduct.

Amanda maintains an active pro-bono practice, with an emphasis upon constitutional civil rights matters such as race and gender discrimination, searches and seizures, freedom of religion, and prisoners' rights. Amanda has also represented individuals navigating U.S. citizenship and naturalization processes. Amanda's commitment to civil rights also is a focus of her civil practice, where she has worked with clients to promote equality and address workplace harassment and discrimination.

Before joining Haynes Boone, Amanda began her career as a litigation associate in the New York office of a large international law firm. Amanda earned her J.D. from NYU School of Law, where she served as a Notes Editor on the *Journal of Legislation and Public Policy* and sat on the Professional Development Committee of the NYU Law Women group. While pursuing her degrees, she worked as a legal intern at the New York Regional Office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and spent two summers as an intern in the Kings County District Attorney's office. She is admitted to practice in New York.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 2016, Notes Editor, *Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*
- B.A., Political Science and Psychology, University of Michigan, 2013, with Distinction

ADMISSIONS

- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
 - U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Renewable Energy Checklist," author, *Renewable Energy World*, July 12, 2024.
 - "Conflicts of interest in arbitration—applicable principles," co-author, *LexisNexis Practical Guidance*, 2024.
 - "Conflicts of interest in arbitration—challenges to arbitral appointments," co-author, *LexisNexis Practical Guidance*, 2024.
 - "Taking the Lead: Winning Strategies and Techniques for Commercial Cases," speaker, NYSBA Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, March 5, 2018.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Young Leaders in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Y-ADR) Steering Committee, 2024-2027 term, CPR Institute
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Representing banks, real estate investment firms, and commercial borrowers in litigation involving distressed debt and commercial mortgage foreclosures.
- Representing a global investment banking advisory firm in connection with multiple securities litigation matters.
- Representing a global telecommunications company in contract dispute litigation and arbitration.
- Defending a government defense contractor in multiple toxic tort class actions.
- Defending a large international bank in multiple antitrust class actions.

Renewable Energy Disputes

- Obtaining a total victory and \$70 million award for a renewable energy generator in a breach of contract arbitration.
- Representing a wind energy developer and operator in construction, warranty, and coverage disputes.
- Representing a decarbonization and sustainability investment firm in disputes and litigation.

Investigations and White Collar

- Representing a major internet service provider in connection with SEC and DOJ investigations regarding the largest data breach on record.

- Conducting an internal investigation for the New York MTA regarding overtime fraud and timekeeping policies.
- Conducting special investigations for the New York City Council regarding allegations of misconduct and corruption by certain Council Members.

Pro Bono Practice

- Representing New York inmates in impact litigation seeking reform of parole board practices.
- Representing four minority students and their families in a pro-bono lawsuit alleging unconstitutional bias-motivated searches by school officials.

**Some of these representations were handled prior to Amanda joining Haynes Boone.*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Selected for inclusion in *New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, 2020-2024