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About

Ashley Czechowski is a senior litigation associate whose practice focuses on all aspects of complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts. While representing individuals, investment banks, and public companies, Ashley has successfully briefed motions at all stages of litigation, including motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment and motions for temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, among others. Ashley also has successfully represented clients in commercial real estate arbitrations in New York.

Ashley maintains an active and robust pro bono practice and has worked with many pro bono organizations to achieve successful outcomes for her clients. Ashley has represented clients on a pro bono basis in divorce proceedings, immigration matters, landlord/tenant disputes, family court proceedings, among other various limited-scope representations. Notably, she represented the League of Women Voters before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in major voting rights litigation. In 2022, Ashley received the Pro Bono Publico Award, an annual award given by The Legal Aid Society to volunteer lawyers, law firms, corporations, and other professionals who have volunteered their time and talent to provide exceptional legal services to low-income New Yorkers. Ashley also served as an Associate Advisor on the Associate Advisory Board for Legal Services NYC from 2021 to 2023.

Prior to joining Kelley Drye, Ashley worked at a large New York City law firm. Prior to that, Ashley served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lisa M. Smith (ret.) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 2017 to 2019. During that time, Ashley received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the District Clerk.

During law school, Ashley received the Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award, Gerard O'Brien Trial Advocacy Award/Scholarship, the CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II. She was also a finalist in the National Ethics Trial Competition and a semi-finalist in the Desmond Moot Court Competition.

Experience

Pro Bono

Served as trial counsel for a domestic violence survivor in defending against claims of malicious

prosecution and abuse of process brought by her former spouse in federal court in the Eastern District of New York. After the client had represented herself for eight years, Kelley Drye took on the matter pro bono and immediately prepared the case for trial on an expedited schedule. The team managed all aspects of a four-day jury trial, effectively countering emotionally charged allegations and demonstrating significant inconsistencies in plaintiff's testimony, and ultimately securing a unanimous jury verdict in the client's favor.

Affiliations

New York City Bar Association, Commercial Law and Uniform State Laws Committee, member

New York State Bar Association, Women in Law Section, Commercial & Federal Litigation Section, Committee on Federal Procedure and Committee on Legislative and Judicial Initiatives, member

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, member

Stanhope Community Foundation (Secretary), board member

Related Services

Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Education

University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D

- magna cum laude
- Order of the Coif, Buffalo Law Review, editor, Intellectual Property Law Journal, editor-in-chief

State University of New York at Binghamton, B.A.

- English, Literature and Rhetoric

Admissions

New York

Courts

U.S. District Court–Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals–Eighth Circuit