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Dana K. Ferrera has nearly two decades of experience litigating a wide variety of complex commercial matters on behalf of major corporations and sophisticated corporate clients. She has practiced in both federal and state courts, as well as extensively engaged in the alternative dispute resolution process before the American Arbitration Association and various other tribunals.

Aside from her general commercial litigation background, Ms. Ferrera has a targeted concentration in the construction law arena, representing clients in connection with bid protests, surety litigation, negotiation of construction contracts, delay claims, extra work claims, construction defect claims and lien issues.

Significantly, Ms. Ferrera possesses a unique perspective regarding the business priorities and needs of her clients as a result of her in-house experience at a large, multi-national consumer products company, where she directly assisted the Chief Legal Counsel with management all of the company's litigation and employment counseling issues, as well as presented to the Board of Directors regarding risk management concerns.

Ms. Ferrera's commercial litigation practice encompasses partnership disputes, restrictive covenant litigation, business fraud cases and sophisticated commercial contractual battles.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented a well-known East Coast marine contractor in a construction arbitration before the American Arbitration Association on a delay damages and extra work claim for work performed in the Hudson River. Prevailed at arbitration and obtained an arbitration award of upwards of \$2M.

Represented a leading worldwide chemical company in litigation surrounding damages suffered by its southern US facility destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Represented a very large commercial contractor in the New York area in connection with construction work performed at a warehouse immediately prior to a fire and weather-related roof collapse, resulting in tens of millions in property losses.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- ~ Appellate Practice
- ~ Commercial Litigation
- ~ Construction Law
- ~ Insurance Coverage

## INDUSTRY FOCUS

Fortune 500 Commercial Businesses;  
Closely-Held Family Businesses;  
Construction Industry; Public Entities;  
Licensed Professionals.

## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Commercial Litigation including partnership disputes, restrictive covenant litigation, business fraud cases and sophisticated commercial contractual battles. Construction Law including bid protests, surety law, negotiation of construction contracts, delay claims, extra work claims, defect claims and lien issues.

## EDUCATION

- ~ The American University (B.A., Law & Society 1991)  
Portuguese-American Scholarship Foundation Recipient, 1987
- ~ Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D. 1997)  
*cum laude*, Joseph P. Lordi Memorial Scholar

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- ~ New Jersey (1997)
- ~ New York (2000)
- ~ United States District Court of New Jersey (1997)

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

*Central Irrigation Supply, Inc. v. Polystar Products, Inc., et al.*, 2014 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2713 (App. Div., Nov. 18, 2014)

## PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association