

Bridget Mayer Briggs | Associate
Business Litigation

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Bridget Briggs concentrates her practice in corporate, white collar, and class action defense litigation. Bridget counsels clients in a wide variety of areas including class action defense, civil RICO, white collar defense, Bank Secrecy Act compliance, the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, collateralized debt obligations, government contracts, civil and criminal forfeiture, breach of contract, fraud, and business torts. Bridget has successfully managed several document productions involving a large volume of electronic discovery. Bridget is an active member of the Firm's Recruiting Committee, E-Discovery Committee, and Banking Initiative.

Before joining Blank Rome, Bridget clerked for two years for Judge Margaret B. Seymour of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. While in law school, Bridget was on the Managing Board for the *Virginia Journal of International Law*, and was the Director of the Rape Crisis Advocacy Project. Bridget also completed an internship at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania during that time.

Outside The Firm

Bridget is the mother of two wonderful, wacky daughters, and enjoys running in her spare time.

Select Engagements

- Successfully defeated class certification on behalf of a national bank in a consumer class action alleging RICO liability based on the bank's alleged failure to properly monitor ACH transactions for telemarketing and Internet merchant consumers.

- Represented a large national security company, in multimillion dollar trade secrets dispute arising out of the award of a significant government contract from the U.S. Navy. The matter was successfully resolved on a confidential basis.
- Counsel for first Chief Compliance Officer threatened with individual liability for failure to adhere to Bank Secrecy Act requirements, resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Represented a client accused of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by bribing an officer of a foreign financial institution in exchange for his influence in obtaining financing for significant transactions in the oil and gas field.
- Assisted professional sports team by conducting internal investigation on behalf of a client regarding potential involvement in a third-party's charity scam.
- Counsel for major construction company in enforcement proceedings brought by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection based upon claims of defective construction, which avoided the filing of litigation.
- Represented a major insurance company in an insurance coverage dispute involving New Jersey's loading and unloading doctrine, successfully capping coverage at \$15,000 as opposed to the \$1,000,000 policy limit.
- Obtained and successfully defended a default judgment for over \$400,000 in a breach of contract and tortious interference with business relationships action.
- Obtained dismissal of individual as a third-party defendant to a case based upon a lack of personal jurisdiction in case involving wrongful levy of an offshore trust.

PRO BONO REPRESENTATIONS

- Through administrative filings and extensive factual investigation, Bridget has secured Social Security disability benefits for multiple individual clients with severe mental health disorders.
- Represented Pennsylvania's first-ever convict exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence after serving more than ten years in state prison.
- Successfully obtained removal of signs from school district identifying exonerated client as a criminal.
- Bridget has helped several indigent clients prepare wills and other important end-of-life documents.
- Bridget is also a volunteer attorney for the Support Center for Child Advocates, the country's oldest and largest pro bono legal and social services agency for children.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania

- U.S. District Court - New Jersey
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Education

- Bentley College, BS, summa cum laude
- University of Virginia School of Law, JD

Recognitions

Bridget is a recipient of the Homeless Advocacy Project Award for her outstanding service to the client of the Homeless Advocacy Project.

Bridget has received several Blank Rome Pro Bono awards for her commitment to pro bono work.

Professional Activities

Bridget is a member of the Ellevete Network, which is focused on the advancement of women in the workplace through networking and investment in women.

Bridget is a member of both the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations.

Bridget is a member of the Board of Directors of the Homeless Advocacy Project, an organization focused on providing legal services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.