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Sophia Lee concentrates her litigation practice in the energy industry, handling commercial, environmental, products liability, and toxic tort matters.

Sophia has experience managing a national docket of over 500 toxic tort matters, including asbestos, benzene, silica, and NORM, while monitoring case development, litigation, and scientific trends; managing government investigations and inquiries; and developing litigation and information management policies and best practices, including e-discovery protocols.

Prior to rejoining Blank Rome, Sophia served as chief litigation counsel at Sunoco, Inc., and in the litigation department of an Am Law 100 firm. She also held an adjunct assistant professorship at Temple University's School of Tourism and Hospitality Management affiliated with the Fox School of Business.

Sophia served as a federal judicial law clerk to the late Honorable James McGirr Kelly, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and was an intern in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. During law school, she served as a federal judicial clerkship clinical intern to the Honorable Jerome B. Simandle, U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and was a member of the *Temple Law Review* and the Moot Court Honor Society.

She is a frequent lecturer and CLE faculty presenter on matters concerning litigation management and best practices, e-discovery and information management, professional responsibility and ethics, trial advocacy skills, substantive legal issues, and diversity and inclusion in the legal profession for various legal associations, organizations, law schools, and law firms.

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - New Jersey
- New York

## Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania
- Forum of Executive Women
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

## Education

- Cornell University, BA, with distinction
- Temple University Beasley School of Law, JD
- Temple University Beasley School of Law, LLM, with honors

## Recognitions

- 2019, “Influencer of Law: Business Litigation,” by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 2017–2019, “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer” in General Litigation, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2016, “Multicultural Leadership Award,” by the National Diversity Council
- 2015, “Diverse Attorney of the Year” by *The Legal Intelligencer*
- 2014, “Remarkable Woman Award” by Pepper Hamilton’s Women’s Initiative
- 2014, “Diversity Leadership Award” by the Temple Law Alumni Association
- 2013, “Corporate Counsel Award (Judge’s Choice)” by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*
- 2011, “Outstanding Community Service Award” by the Association of Corporate Counsel, Delaware Valley Chapter
- 2010, “Minority Business Leader Award” by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*
- 2008, “Best Lawyers Under 40” by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- 2007–2008, “Pennsylvania Rising Star” by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*
- 2006, “Lawyer on the Fast Track” by *The Legal Intelligencer* and *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*

## Professional Activities

As a former vice-chair of the Mayor's Commission on Asian American Affairs and a former board chair of the Asian Arts Initiative, Sophia is active in Philadelphia's civic and charitable communities. She currently serves on the boards of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, the Philadelphia Education Fund, and the Women's Law Project.

In addition, she is involved in numerous legal associations, including the:

- Association of Corporate Counsel, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, recently serving as its litigation committee co-chair
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania, as a board member and previously serving as its president
- Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, as a former senior hearing committee member
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, previously serving as its northeast regional governor and as co-chair of its litigation committee
- Philadelphia Bar Association, as diversity chair, Professional Guidance Committee member, co-chair of the Bench-Bar Conference, and former In-House Counsel Committee co-chair, as well as other previous other committee and board positions
- Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, as a board member and previous co-president
- Temple Law Alumni Association, as an executive committee member

Sophia also serves as co-chair of Blank Rome's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, in addition to her role as our Firm's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.