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Jennifer concentrates her commercial litigation practice in the technology and transportation sectors, representing businesses that operate app-based technology and marketplace platforms in the gig economy, as well as autonomous vehicle companies.

She provides practical legal advice to clients on crafting and executing strategies for defending high-volume, business sensitive litigation with a focus on creating efficiencies, reducing legal spend and maximizing opportunities to create favorable legal precedent.

Jennifer has litigated matters of first impression in state and federal courts while acting as national coordinating counsel in matters involving independent contractor designations and the enforcement of online terms and conditions, including compelling arbitration. In addition, she advises clients on weighing and mitigating the legal effects of key business decisions, such as the formulation of internal policies and structural insurance selections. She is experienced in leading teams of lawyers and managing all stages of commercial litigation, including drafting dispositive motions and handling voluminous discovery. Jennifer has also advised companies regarding their terms of service, including ways to strengthen and enforce consumer-facing arbitration agreements.

Services

- Litigation
- National Coordinating Counsel
- Manufacturing

Representative Matters

- Serve as national coordinating counsel for technology and marketplace platforms, leading litigation on issues of first impression across the country involving the interpretation of transportation network company and marketplace contractor laws, status of platform users and enforcement of online terms and conditions.
- Counseled emerging technology company on business decisions to mitigate future product liability litigation.
- Represented *Fortune* 50 transportation company as national coordinating counsel defending against tort-based claims attacking independent contractor business model.
- Represented large pharmaceutical manufacturer in high-stakes lawsuits brought by state attorneys general under consumer protection and false claims acts, and in product liability actions.
- Defended industrial gas supplier in state court lawsuit alleging breach of supply contract.
- Defended vehicle manufacturer in federal court in multiple class action lawsuits alleging strict product liability, deceptive trade practices, breach of warranty and breach of duty.

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Jennifer practiced for several years at an international law firm. Before that, she worked as an associate at a Philadelphia-based Am Law 100 firm and at a mid-sized Pittsburgh-based firm. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable D. Michael Fisher on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Education

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2010)
 - Managing Editor, Villanova Law Review
- Villanova University (B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, 2007)

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Women in the Law Division
 - Council Member

Board of Directors

- Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair (2008-2022)
 - Executive Board Member