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Elizabeth Buckel is a senior associate in Alston & Bird's Litigation & Trial Practice Group.

Elizabeth concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation, with a special focus on financial services and securities litigation in state and federal courts. She has experience representing global financial institutions and financial services providers in diverse litigation matters related to structured products and derivative instruments, including collateralized debt and loan obligations, residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, and credit default swaps.

Elizabeth has been a key member of teams representing multinational corporations in complex multi-year tort and contract disputes in multiple venues and jurisdictions. She also represents corporations and individuals in internal investigations and investigations before state and federal regulatory agencies including the DOJ, SEC, and FINRA.

Elizabeth maintains an active pro bono practice, working with Sanctuary for Families to represent domestic violence victims in civil proceedings and partnering with social justice-focused public policy organizations on a variety of legal initiatives.

Before attending law school, Elizabeth was an investment banking analyst in the global energy and power group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to several of the largest CDO, CLO, RMBS, and CMBS trustees in various commercial litigation matters and commercial trust disputes in state and federal court.
- Counsel for a CLO trustee in multiple proceedings arising out of a public auction of loans and equity interests in distressed companies.
- Represented a CDO trustee at trial and prevailed on appeal in an interpleader action arising out of a dispute over the interpretation of provisions in governing agreements.
- Represented a multibillion-dollar insurance company against perpetrators of a highly publicized Ponzi scheme in parallel multi-year litigation and arbitration proceedings before the Southern District of New York and the American Arbitration Association.
- Represented a major U.S. investment bank in transaction-related litigation in the commercial division of the New York State Supreme Court alleging tortious interference with contract and unjust enrichment.
- Represented a group of investment funds in litigation brought in the Southern District of New York against an Asian sovereign wealth fund, asserting violations of the federal securities laws in connection with a debt offering.
- Represented corporations in SEC and DOJ investigations related to insider trading and other regulatory and compliance issues.

- Represented multiple major public policy organizations as amicus curiae in a case involving constitutional violations of speedy trial rights before the New York Court of Appeals.
- Counsel to domestic violence victims seeking orders of protection and custody of children in family court.

Professional & Community Engagement

- New York City Bar Association, Securities Litigation Committee
- Sanctuary for Families , Pro Bono Committee

Education

- Georgetown University (J.D., 2013)
- Georgetown University (B.S.F.S., 2008)

Admitted to Practice

- New York

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