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Sharon provides superior service while helping clients navigate complex legal issues. She regularly represents clients across a wide variety of industries in high-stakes commercial litigation matters, including contract disputes and employment claims.

Sharon Steiner concentrates her practice on general commercial litigation, representing plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of complex disputes. She has handled litigation involving breach of contract, employment restrictive covenants, structured finance, and products liability actions on behalf of clients in a wide array of business and industry segments, including the health care, retail, and insurance industries. Her experience spans federal and state practices and appeals in New York and other jurisdictions. Sharon also maintains a robust pro bono practice which includes representation of wrongfully convicted individuals seeking to overturn life sentences in federal habeas corpus proceedings.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Sharon served as a lead researcher for acclaimed litigator and author Bryan Stevenson on his award-winning memoir *Just Mercy*.

Sharon has been recognized as a “General Litigation” Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine in 2023 and 2024, and as “One to Watch” in the area of Commercial Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2025.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to a major U.S. health insurance company in several Article 78 litigations in New York trial and appellate courts.
- Counsel to a major U.S. health insurance company related to the negotiation and procurement of a multibillion-dollar health care contract with a major municipality.
- Defended a private, global consulting firm and its employees against claims of raiding and conspiracy to lift out a practice group and various claims of breaches of and interference with an array of restrictive covenants.
- Served as second chair in a confidential AAA arbitration, defending an employee against claims brought by a former employer seeking recovery for breach of contract.
- Advised an investment management company in dispute with former employee over non-disparagement agreement.
- Obtained a favorable jury verdict in a defamation case in the New Jersey Supreme Court, protecting the client from a potential adverse judgment exceeding \$25 million.
- Counsel to insurance companies assisting with the underwriting of contingent and litigation risk products.
- Counseled a media company on a contract dispute regarding the production of highly successful YouTube channels.

- Counsel to a major online retail client in an arbitration involving breach of contract; obtained a favorable multimillion-dollar settlement.
- Counsel to a foreign manufacturer in a breach of contract action involving a manufacturing and supply agreement.
- Counsel in a cross-border litigation matter seeking to set aside the fraudulent conveyance of various artworks. Defended multiple attempts to dismiss the causes of action and procured the return of an attached artwork.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a Chinese insurance company in a collection dispute, including payment of attorneys' fees.

Education

- New York University (J.D., 2015)
- Hunter College (B.A., 2012)

Admitted to Practice

- New York