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Companies and individuals facing significant liability turn to Bennet to help them navigate complex and high-profile disputes and the unique issues they pose.

### OVERVIEW

Bennet handles high-stakes civil litigation, focusing on disputes involving fraud and other commercial torts, government inquiries, election law, civil claims arising from alleged criminal misconduct—such as revival statute claims and Trafficking Victims Protection Act claims—defamation, contract disputes, restrictive covenants, and creditors' rights. Bennet manages all phases of litigation, including pre-suit investigations, trials, appeals, and judgment enforcement. Bennet also has significant ADR experience, including mediations, arbitrations, and independent claims programs.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented Ivanka Trump in a lawsuit filed against her by New York's Attorney General. The Appellate Division (First Department) dismissed all claims against Ms. Trump.
- Represented Nassau County in redistricting litigation.
- Obtained an over \$28 million judgment for an institutional asset manager in a fraud lawsuit against an alternative lender.
- Represented Newsmax in a defamation lawsuit brought against it by a voting technology company. After obtaining numerous favorable court rulings for Newsmax, including the dismissal of the plaintiff's punitive damages claims, Newsmax resolved the matter through a confidential settlement.
- Represented the co-executors of the Estate of Jeffrey E. Epstein in dozens of lawsuits filed in various federal and state courts — many asserted pursuant to the New York Child Victims Act (CVA) and The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) — as well as in connection with the establishment of an independent claims resolution program, and, separately, a comprehensive structured mediation process.
- Served as trial counsel to the petitioners in the high-profile New York redistricting case *Harkenrider v. Hochul*. Petitioners prevailed at trial, the Appellate Division (Fourth Department), and the Court of Appeals.
- Served as counsel for a nationwide book distributor in a federal jury trial involving breaches of personal guaranties and fraud, resulting in judgment of more than \$29 million in favor of our client.
- Represented a global insurance brokerage and risk management services firm in connection with restrictive covenants disputes.

- Represented the special assets group of one of the largest U.S. commercial banks in various judgment enforcement actions arising from defaults across an approximately \$1 billion portfolio of loans to the taxi industry, including CPLR Article 71 seizure actions and CPLR Article 52 turnover proceedings.
- Obtained a unanimous New York State appellate court (First Department) decision affirming a trial court's dismissal of a fraudulent inducement action against the directors and officers of a foreign company. The First Department clarified legal principles concerning fraud claims under New York law.
- Defended a national bakery chain against a proposed Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) class action. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, applying the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Spokeo* decision, found the plaintiff lacked standing to sue.

## AWARDS

- *City & State New York*: Law Power 100 (2025)
- *City & State New York*: 40 In Their 40s (2024)
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" (2014-2019)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Financial Services
- Litigation + Trial

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 2008, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- New York University, B.A., 2005

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Connecticut

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Speaker, “Annual eDiscovery Updates,” Troutman Sanders CLE, 2020.
- Speaker, “Annual eDiscovery Updates,” Troutman Sanders CLE, 2019.
- Speaker, “Annual eDiscovery Updates,” Troutman Sanders CLE, 2017.
- Speaker, “eDiscovery Annual Legal Update & Technology Trends,” Troutman Sanders CLE, 2016.
- Speaker, “New Federal Rule Amendments on Discovery,” Troutman Sanders CLE, 2015.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-author, “New York City’s Revival Window Opens for Gender-Motivated Violence Survivors,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 2, 2023.
- Co-author, “Employers and Others Prepare for New York’s Adult Survivors Act Revival Window Opening November 24,” *Troutman Pepper*, November 22, 2022.
- Co-author, “Employers Must Prepare For Revival Law Sex Abuse Claims,” *Law360*, June 6, 2022.
- Contributor, “Accountants’ Liability Under the Federal Securities Laws,” Chapter 5A in *Federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Vol. 1* (published by Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., a member of the LexisNexis Group 2012).