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Danni helps clients across industries navigate complex commercial disputes in the U.S. and abroad.

OVERVIEW

As a member of the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group and its International Arbitration subgroup, Danni supports clients in the technology, hospitality, mining, real estate, banking, health care, and aerospace sectors in resolving matters in state and federal courts and before international arbitral tribunals. Her arbitral experience includes matters administered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), and Organization of Islamic Cooperation Arbitration Centre (OIC-AC), where she assists clients at every stage, from drafting dispute resolution clauses to developing efficient case strategies and pursuing recognition and enforcement of awards.

Her representative work as part of firm teams includes securing a multimillion-dollar federal jury verdict in a trademark and false advertising case in the District of Massachusetts and successfully defending a satellite technology company in a shareholder dispute arising from the launch of satellite-based internet service in sub-Saharan Africa.

Danni is the co-author of *A Practitioner's Guide to Arbitration* (American Bar Association, 2023) and serves as a U.S. country coordinator for the World Atlas of Arbitration. She maintains an active pro bono practice through the MTPC Identity Document Assistance Network and Amica's PAIR Project, where she has successfully argued for the release of improperly detained asylum-seekers before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR).

AWARDS

- High Honors, Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, D.C. Access to Justice Commission and the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center (2024)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Business Litigation](#)
- [International Arbitration](#)

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Business Litigation](#)
- [Financial Services](#)
- [International](#)
- [International Arbitration](#)
- [Litigation + Trial](#)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, ABA Litigation Section Book Board
- U.S. country coordinator, World Atlas of Arbitration

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Law clerk, Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, August 2020 – November 2020
- Clerk, World Bank Group Legal Vice Presidency/IBRD, September 2019 – May 2020

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2021, Pamela Spanogle International Commercial Arbitration Competition Award
- The University of British Columbia, B.A., 2017

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Massachusetts State Courts
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator and presenter, "International Arbitration 101: When Your Client's Dispute Resolution Clause Calls for Arbitration Abroad," ABA Torts Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS) Section Conference, New York, May 3, 2023.
- Presenter, "Your First Deposition 101: From Notice to Testimony," ABA Litigation Section Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Declines to Decide Missouri Corporation's Question of International Comity and State Law](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 10, 2025.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Designates Dueling Delegation Decision to Courts](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, May 29, 2024.
- Co-author, *A Practitioner's Guide to Arbitration*, American Bar Association, August 25, 2023.
- Co-author, "[U.S. Supreme Court Creates a New Path for Non-U.S. Plaintiffs to Enforce Foreign Arbitral Awards](#)," *Business Law Today*, August 2, 2023.
- Co-author, "[The European Union and Ukraine Push Forward With the Hague Judgments Convention—What Does It Mean for the Rest of Us?](#)," *Business Law Today*, July 12, 2023.
- Co-author, "[Federal Court Further Narrows 28 U.S.C. § 1782 Application Following Landmark SCOTUS Decision](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, November 17, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Holds Courts Cannot Order Discovery in Most International Arbitrations](#)," *American Bar Association's Section of Litigation-Alternative Dispute Resolution Article*, September 2, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Can You Enforce an International Arbitration Award That's Been Set Aside?](#)" *Troutman Pepper*, August 10, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Invalidates CA Law Preventing Arbitration of Individual PAGA Claims When a Valid Arbitration Agreement Exists](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, June 17, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Resolves Section 1782 Controversy: Courts Cannot Order Discovery in Most International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, June 15, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Federal Arbitration Act Will Likely Be Amended to Prohibit Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses for Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Claims](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 14, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Section 1782 Is Back](#)," *American Bar Association's Section of Litigation-Alternative Dispute Resolution Article*, February 9, 2022.