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OVERVIEW

Madeleine is an associate in the firm's Insurance + Reinsurance Practice Group. Her practice involves litigation, arbitration, and counseling on a wide range of commercial disputes, with an emphasis on complex insurance disputes. Madeleine has represented clients in insurance litigation involving policy rescission, bad faith underwriting and claims-handling practices, and general coverage.

In addition to her litigation work, Madeleine is also involved in a variety of pro bono matters including immigration, veterans' benefits, and sentence reduction.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Achieved victory on behalf of an insurer in a $100 million dispute with its policyholder regarding whether the insured person was rendered unable to perform, per the terms of a total disability policy.
- Secured the release of a client incarcerated for more than 30 years under the D.C. Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act.
- Achieved a favorable settlement on behalf of a national insurance broker regarding various breach of contract claims.
- Achieved victory on behalf of a retired Air Force veteran in an action seeking combat-related special compensation benefits for injuries sustained during service from the Department of Defense.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance + Reinsurance

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board director, Specialty Family Foundation, February 2016 – present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Judicial intern, Honorable Bruce D. White, Fairfax Circuit Court, June 2019 – July 2019

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2021
- The George Washington University, B.A., 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- California

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2021 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 22, 2022.