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OVERVIEW

Sophia is an associate in the firm's Business Litigation practice, focusing mainly on business tort claims including fiduciary duty, fraud, and tortious interference. She also handles cases related to construction and project development, in addition to pro bono cases for nonprofit organizations and immigration matters.

Sophia is certified by the National Center for Equity & Agency as a trauma-informed legal professional and has defended several sexual abuse cases, including claims under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) and the New York Adult Survivors Act. She understands the delicate nature of these cases and leverages her training and background to litigate with empathy while formulating a defense.

Sophia graduated from Fordham University School of Law, where she completed her J.D. and served as a notes and articles editor for the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. She is fluent in Spanish, and earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Bryn Mawr College.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Served as a member of the trial team defending a county in New York and its legislature in a high-profile case involving the newly enacted New York Voting Rights Act.
- Obtained dismissal of several actions filed by medical providers against Empire HealthChoice Assurance, Inc. alleging violations of ERISA and various state-law claims. Representative cases include *Gordon Surgical Group, P.C., et al. v. Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-04796-GHW-KHP (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 14, 2024) and *Da Silva Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, P.C. v. Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-07121-NCM-JMW (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 17, 2025).

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation

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- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Legal intern, Department of Investigations, The Office of the Commissioner, Major League Baseball, 2018
- Intern, Office of the Philadelphia District Attorney, 2014
- Intern, Amnesty International, 2013
- Intern, Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein, 2013

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2020
- Bryn Mawr College, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

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.