

Deana S. Stein

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Overview

Deana is a trial lawyer who focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with a particular emphasis on transportation and logistics. She has extensive experience representing third-party logistics providers, transportation brokers, and commercial shippers in domestic and international freight disputes, as well as contractual matters involving carriers, brokers, and agents.

In addition to working with clients to resolve pending litigations, she advises on pre-suit negotiations and routinely assists clients implementing measures intended to avoid future litigation. Deana also has experience in products liability suits, including defending manufacturer of off-road vehicles in personal injury suits involving claims that the products were defectively designed and manufactured, as well as resolving contract disputes between product manufacturers and suppliers. Deana also has experience litigating and arbitrating commercial business disputes involving business dissolution, contract disputes, insurance/reinsurance, commercial landlord-tenant issues, labor and employment, and workers' compensation related disputes.

Licensed in three states and several federal District Courts, Deana is an experienced, well-rounded litigator, from taking and defending depositions to arguing motions before state and federal trial courts to jury trials. Deana has also argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Deana has significant experience managing all aspects of electronic discovery, including negotiating and implementing ESI protocols, supervising preservation and collection of documents, and overseeing multiple levels of document review for production

Client Testimonials

"If Deana is involved, we are in good hands." – Benesch client

"Deana has been a consummate pro in her thorough and expeditious handling of this matter for us. We appreciate the support." – Benesch client

"Deana, thank goodness I have you! Thank you for always looking out for us!" – Benesch client

Representative Matters

- Represented owner of warehouse in lawsuit brought by shipper concerning the non-delivery of goods to the warehouse's tenant, resulting in complete and full dismissal at pleading stage.
- Represented inventor and product development company against overseas manufacturing partner in contract, tort, and trade secrets claim, resulting in nearly $4 million in damages awarded following jury trial.
- Obtained a Temporary Restraining Order in Nassau County Supreme Court for a home healthcare provider, preventing the New York State Department of Health from enforcing an expulsion sanction and ensuring continuity of care for thousands of patients.
- Represented healthcare company in business dissolution lawsuit.
- Successfully negotiated contractual disputes between freight logistics and brokerage companies and motor carriers.
- Represented freight logistics and brokerage company in various breach of contract actions against shipping customers and motor carriers.
- Defended freight logistics and brokerage company in tort claim brought by shipper of cargo damaged during rail transportation.
- Represented manufacturer in Carmack and breach of contract dispute against logistics company and motor carrier following destruction of its cargo in train crash.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2013, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Cardozo Law Review, Vol. 33 Staff Editor, Vol. 34 Notes Editor
- Boston University, 2008, Bachelor of Music, *summa cum laude*, Voice Performance

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Memberships

- Board of Directors, The Cleveland Pops Orchestra
- Member, Cleveland Metro Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association (Member 2014-present; Entertainment Committee Member 2016-present);
- Member, Blue Hill Troupe

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®* Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants; 2021-2025

News & Insights

- Benesch Secures TRO Against New York State DOH, Protecting Client's $380M Home Healthcare Business
  March 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases
- Far From Home: Supreme Court Expands General Jurisdiction for Out-of-State Defendants in Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co.
  September 7, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024
  August 17, 2023 | Press Releases
- Supreme Court Expands General Jurisdiction in Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., Marking Departure from "At Home" Jurisdiction Rule for Out-of-State Defendants
  August 15, 2023 | Newsletters

- Benesch's new Cleveland Partners mentioned in Crain’s Cleveland People on the Move
  January 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Names 20 New Partners for 2023
  January 2, 2023 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2023
  August 18, 2022 | Press Releases
- Deane Stein interviewed by Cleveland Jewish News | "Deana Stein / Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP"
  January 28, 2022 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2022
  August 19, 2021 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Freight Broker Liability | Deana S. Stein
  January 23, 2025 - January 24, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- How to Have a Winning Deposition Strategy | Deana S. Stein, Nicholas P. Lacey
  July 12, 2022 | Speaking Engagement