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Overview

Maya focuses her practice on data privacy and complex commercial litigation, handling matters involving contract disputes, legal malpractice, business torts, data breaches and class actions. An experienced litigator in both federal and New York state courts, she represents clients through all stages of litigation, from pre-suit strategy to discovery, depositions, motion practice and trial.

Maya has utilized her practice expertise to represent a wide-breadth of clients on all sides of litigation and dispute resolution, with topics including complex commercial transactions, transportation and logistics, healthcare and insurance, data privacy and compliance, trusts and estates, and more. Her thoroughness, keen attention to detail, and strategic prowess ensure that clients are prepared and confident at each juncture of a dispute.

Prior to joining Benesch, Maya served as a law clerk at the New York County Commercial Division for three years under the Honorable Melissa A. Crane and the Honorable O. Peter Sherwood, drafting decisions for complex motions, shepherding litigants through discovery conflicts, and managing voluminous dockets. She was later an associate at Baker & Hostetler where she further honed her commercial litigation skill set.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, 2019, J.D.
  - Leslie Misrock Scholarship
  - Managing Editor, *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal,* Volume XXIX
  - Negotiation Competition Coach, Sports Law Forum, 2018-2019
  - Editor, Cardozo BMI Bench Team, 2018
  - International Mediation Competitor, Dispute Resolution Society, 2017-2018
  - Negotiation Competition Competitor, 2017-2018
  - Finalist, Fordham Moot Court Board: I. Maurice Wormser Competition, 2017
- Hofstra University, 2014, B.A. in Political Science

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Second Department
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (pending)

Memberships

- Former Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals

Clerkships

- Law Clerk for the Honorable Melissa A. Crane and the Honorable O. Peter Sherwood, New York County Commercial Division, 2019-2022

Awards & Recognition

- State Court Counsel Committee Co-Chair, New York State Bar Association's Commercial & Federal Litigation Section
- Managing Editor, *Esports Bar Association Journal,* 2021 Volume

News & Insights

- Maya Rivera Mentioned in Crain's New York People On the Move
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