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Stacie has successfully resolved class actions, including nationwide consumer suits with millions of plaintiffs, by obtaining dismissal orders, summary judgments, and negotiating favorable settlements for her clients.

Stacie's principal areas of practice include complex, multidistrict, and class action litigation, financial services litigation and counseling, and consumer protection litigation. She has experience representing national and multinational companies in litigation involving state and federal consumer protection statutes, financial disputes, intellectual property and patents, securities, commercial contract disputes, corporate transaction disputes, and employment matters. Stacie also counsels international and U.S. businesses regarding the minimization of consumer litigation risk and other corporate activities for compliance with state and federal consumer protection laws.

Stacie has represented clients in all stages of litigation, including jury trials and appeals. She has represented and counseled clients in a multitude of industries, including the financial services, retail, and consumer products industries. With her extensive experience in state and federal consumer protection statutes, Stacie has successfully resolved class actions by obtaining dismissal orders, summary judgment, and negotiating favorable settlements for the client. These include nationwide consumer class actions brought on behalf of millions of plaintiffs challenging loan origination practices under state and federal law, and statewide class actions alleging unfair and deceptive trade practices and violations of state consumer protection statutes, such as the South Carolina Attorney Preference Statute and California's Unfair Competition Law.

Stacie's clients benefit from her efficiency and practical approach to litigation and regulatory issues. They frequently compliment her ability to deliver work product and results ahead of deadline and under budget.

Key Matters

- Regularly represents a national bank and a national consumer lender in connection with a variety of high-profile consumer class action and other complex litigation. Claims defended include alleged violations of federal lending statutes, such as the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), and Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), alleged violations of state statutes regulating mortgage lenders, and common law tort claims.
- Secured a successful defense verdict (jury) for a national bank in litigation alleging fraud in connection with its consumer banking practices.
- Obtained summary judgment for a national bank in litigation alleging that a former employee committed fraud and violated California's Unfair Competition Law through self-dealing and violation of company policies and procedures.
- Successfully defended a multinational company in several patent infringement matters.
- Serve as general consumer protection counsel to a solar power company, including spearheading the company's effort to formulate company-wide policies and procedures and to revise consumer agreements and correspondence to ensure compliance with state and federal consumer protection laws.
- Defended a national company in putative consumer class action, successfully formulating and implementing early litigation strategy that thwarted class certification prior to discovery.
- Participated in the successful defense of a solar company in arbitration alleging intentional breach of a multi-million dollar contract.
- Seconded to a multinational company's legal team. Duties included providing advice and counseling to the company's internal business units, assisting outside counsel in formulating policies and procedures, and responding to regulatory inquiries.

Recognitions

Stacie has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation since 2022.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Stacie received a J.D. in 2002 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was an editorial board member of the *Virginia Journal of Law and Technology* and a B.A., with distinction, in journalism and mass communication from the University of North Carolina in 1999.

ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina
- South Carolina

Related Insights & News

- “Special Report: N.C. Increases Training, Bonding for Mortgage Brokers,” *Charlotte Business Journal*, Sept. 18, 2009.
- “N.Y. Decision Likely To Impact Consumer Banking,” *Charlotte Business Journal*, Nov. 11, 2005.
- Stacie also assisted Dan K. Webb and T. Thomas Cottingham, III in authoring the chapter entitled “Consumer Protection” for the Third Edition of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Court*.

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Helps Rescue Animals Held in Squalid and Unsafe Conditions

JUNE 15, 2023

BLOG

Winston’s Charlotte Office Provides Pro Bono Services to Vulnerable Community Members

OCTOBER 12, 2022

NEWS

Winston & Strawn and PETA File Emergency Motion to Stop Waccatee Animal Evacuation

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023

AUGUST 18, 2022

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AUGUST 19, 2021

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Pro Bono Reporter – Summer 2016

SUMMER 2016

NEWS

Winston Wins Motion to Dismiss on Behalf of Virginia Surety in Class Action Suit

OCTOBER 9, 2015

NEWS

Winston Turns the Lights On for Utilities and Puts AGs in the Dark

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

NEWS

Winston Successfully Defends National Bank at Trial

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Capabilities

Litigation/Trials

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Appellate & Critical Motions

Financial Services Litigation

Class Actions & Group Litigation

Antitrust/Competition

Environmental Litigation & Enforcement

Advertising Litigation

Intellectual Property

Financial Services

Technology, Media & Telecommunications