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OVERVIEW

Max Gelernter is an associate in the firm's Pittsburgh office, where he is a member of the complex commercial litigation and disputes practice group. Max also focuses his practice on compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and internal investigations.

As part of his complex commercial litigation and disputes practice, Max has broad pre-trial litigation experience, including conducting fact depositions, drafting various discovery motions, responding to discovery requests, assisting in drafting key dispositive motions, and preparing for and defending expert depositions.

As part of his FCPA practice, Max has led and assisted with internal investigations of clients' business activities and third-party business partners associated with the client. These investigations have addressed anonymous and whistleblower threats related to potential violations of the FCPA and other applicable anti-corruption laws. He also helps companies develop anti-corruption policies and procedures to deter and detect potential FCPA compliance issues.

Max is also a dedicated member of the firm's pro bono group. Much of his pro bono work focuses on assisting members of Pittsburgh's LGBT community. Max has successfully represented numerous transgender individuals seeking name changes and in obtaining Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders for victims of domestic violence seeking relief. He works with governmental agencies to combat hate crimes and human trafficking against the LGBT community. Additionally, Max represents pro bono clients in civil rights litigation involving Section 1983 and the Eighth Amendment.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Max was a summer associate in the firm's Pittsburgh office in 2016. In addition, he was a law clerk at a Pennsylvania law firm in 2015. While at the Pennsylvania State University in the Schreyer Honors College, Max wrote his thesis on the tension between the freedom of the press and the right to a speedy and public trial in the age of modern technology.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2017 (*magna cum laude*, research editor, *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, *Order of the Coif*)
- B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 2014 (*with Highest Distinction*, *Phi Beta Kappa*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 19 October 2020, The "Tribunals" and Tribulations of Section 1782: What Constitutes a "Foreign or International Tribunal?" (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 September 2020, A Snap Chat: Removal Jurisdiction (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 June 2020, Mass Arbitration, Más Problems: Class-Action Procedures May Guide Solutions to Issues in Mass Arbitrations (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 April 2020, Arbitration World (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 April 2019, Class Arbitration: A Creature of Clear Contractual Consent (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 January 2019, U.S. Supreme Court Rejects "Wholly Groundless" Test and Reminds Parties of the Power of the Arbitration Agreement (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 October 2018, Saving Grace (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 July 2018, Arbitration World 36th Edition - Arbitrability in the United States: To Decide or Not to Decide, That Is the Question (*Podcast*)
- July 2018, Arbitrability in the United States: To Decide or Not to Decide, That is the Question (*Articles*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Congress Considers Closing Trade Secret "Discovery Loophole": Section 1782," *IP Litigator*, January/February 2019
- Survey of Pennsylvania Privacy and Related Claims Against the Media, *MLRC 50-State Survey: Media Privacy and Related Law Articles*, 2018-2019
- The Increasing Prevalence of Talc-Related Litigation, *Westlaw Journal of Toxic Torts*, Vol. 35, Issue 1, *Articles* 24 February 2017

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments (*Press Release, Rankings & Recognitions*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes