

Colette T. Connor

Partner

A trial lawyer, Colette Connor has tried both bench and jury trials in courts around the country. The cases she has tried, and prepared for trial, have covered diverse industries and a range of legal issues, including alleged antitrust violations and securities fraud.

Colette has significant experience handling bet-the-company litigation, having defended numerous corporations and law firms in high-dollar cases. Most recently, Colette represented a Fortune 50 technology company in litigation arising from disclosure of security vulnerabilities. In all of her matters, Colette brings her trial mindset to bear in developing the factual record effectively and efficiently, and then distilling and presenting that record—whether in dispositive motions, mediation, or trial—in a clear, understandable, and persuasive manner. She also brings to each of her matters her substantial experience leading teams.

Colette was selected as a “Rising Star” in the 2014 through 2019 Washington, D.C. editions of *Super Lawyers*.

Colette is from just outside Atlantic City, New Jersey. She received her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia and her JD from Harvard Law School. Before joining Williams & Connolly, Colette served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephanie K. Seymour of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Representative Experience

- In 2019, Colette prepared the defense of a pharmaceutical company for an upcoming antitrust trial
- In 2018-2019, Colette represented a Fortune 50 technology company in securities fraud litigation arising from disclosure of security vulnerabilities
- In 2017-2018, Colette represented a large hospital operator in antitrust litigation against insurance company; case settled shortly before trial
- In 2017, Colette served as trial counsel for a television network in product disparagement and libel case brought by plaintiffs seeking a multi-billion dollar damages award; case settled in the fifth week of jury trial



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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2008:

Chayes International Public Service Fellow; Managing Editor, Harvard International Law Journal

University of Richmond, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2004: Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Focus

Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Commercial Litigation
Criminal Defense and Government Investigations

Recognitions

Recognized as a "Rising Star" in Washington, D.C. by *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2019

Admissions

District of Columbia and Virginia
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

- In 2016, Colette served as second-chair trial counsel in first-degree murder trial
- In 2013, Colette served as second-chair trial counsel in commercial dispute
- Colette also has significant experience representing the nation's largest law firms, including defending an Am Law 20 law firm in multi-jurisdictional securities-fraud litigation

Resources

Presentations

- *Williams & Connolly Partners Vidya Mirmira and Colette Connor Participate in ACC Panel "Practical Privilege Issues for In House Lawyers"*, September 2019