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Hannah J. Wigger is a senior associate with Sheppard Mullin in the firm's Business Trial Practice Group.

Areas of Practice

Hannah is a first chair litigator with extensive experience trying cases across the United States. Hannah represents her clients in state and federal courts, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations and in front of regulatory bodies, including public utility commissions. Hannah's practice focuses on business disputes involving issues of breach of contract, fraud, trade secrets, statutory compliance, and administrative and international law. On the regulatory side, Hannah advises cable operators and other broadband providers in disputes related to access to rights-of-way, infrastructure deployment, pole attachments and related topics.

Hannah is also dedicated to representing and working with her pro bono clients. Her pro bono practice primarily focuses on clients seeking asylum in the United States and environmental litigation focusing on the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act.

In addition to her practice, Hannah is actively involved in the firm. She currently heads the D.C. office's Women's Law Group, and is an active member of the Recruiting Committee and Pro Bono Committee. Hannah enjoys teaching, and has co-taught a communications law short course at Vanderbilt Law School for the past several years.

Honors

Gardner Gillespie Environmental Pro Bono Award, 2024

Bob Gerber Pro Bono Award, *Sheppard Mullin*, 2020

Bob Williams Award for service to the firm and community, *Sheppard Mullin*, 2023

Washington, D.C. Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2020-2024

Recommended Lawyer - Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *Legal 500*, 2022, 2024

Articles

Trade Secrets Law Blog Posts

- "The Rise of Trade Secret Litigation," September 23, 2024

- "What's the Value? California Court Applies Patent Royalties Test To Trade Secret Claim," June 1, 2020

FCC Law Blog Posts

- "Captain's Blog: Fly Me To The Moon," October 14, 2021
- "FCC Assessing State of Competitive Broadband Access to Multitenant Buildings," September 23, 2019
- "Once Bitten, Twice Shy: FCC Revisits Its Telemarketing Regulations In Light Of The DC Circuit's Decision Striking Down Core Requirements," June 1, 2018

Media Mentions

Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Advisors at Dynasty-Backed RIA From Contacting Ex-Clients
WealthManagement.com, 08.14.2025

Sheppard Mullin Wins Injunction for Financial Services Firm in Dispute Over 'Raiding Exemption' Under Broker Recruiting Protocols
ALM, 07.25.2024

Feds, Backers Fight Alaska's High Court Effort To Revive Mine
Law360, 11.09.2023

EPA Reversal on Pebble Mine Pollution Limits is Reviewable
Bloomberg Law: Environment & Energy, 06.17.2021

9th Circuit revives lawsuit over Alaska's Pebble Mine project
Reuters, 06.17.2021

Speaking Engagements

Speaker, "Communications Law and Policy," Vanderbilt Law School Short Course, 2019-2024

Speaker, "Handling Substantive and Procedural Motions in the District of Columbia," DC Bar, 2022-2024

Events

Cutting Edge Issues in FCC Litigation
Litigating Around Administration Changes
Webinar, 02.05.2025

DC Women Lawyers Group Panel & Reception
10.01.2024

Practices

Litigation

International Arbitration

International Reach

Environmental

Appellate

Trade Secrets

Industries

CFIUS: Foreign Investment in the U.S.

Healthcare

Telecom

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt University, 2017

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 2013

Admissions

District of Columbia

Virginia

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States