



Practice Groups

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial Litigation/Business Disputes
Litigation
Real Estate

Education

B.A., Mount Holyoke College
cum laude
J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
cum laude

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

American Bar Association, Litigation Section
Philadelphia Bar Association
Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association
Brehon Law Society

Mary Platt has significant experience representing clients in individual cases and class actions pending before trial and appellate courts. She has handled matters involving contract claims, shareholder and partner disputes, antitrust claims, intellectual property, restrictive covenants, trade secret misappropriation, consumer protection and unfair competition claims, employment claims, real estate and environmental issues, insurance coverage, construction disputes, toxic tort and product liability claims, and attorney malpractice claims.

Mary has represented individuals and companies ranging from closely-held businesses to large global companies in a variety of industries, including the technology, pharmaceutical, chemical, oil and gas, and real estate industries. She also has represented attorneys in disputes arising from the attorneys' withdrawal from their firms. Mary has served as a mediator in many cases, and represented clients in litigation involving large electronic document productions. As a Judge Pro Tem in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Commerce Court Program, she is frequently asked by Commerce Court Judges to hold settlement conferences for their cases.

Mary Platt became Chancellor-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. this year and will serve as Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. in 2018. She has held several leadership positions at the Philadelphia Bar Association, including chair of the Law Practice Management Division, and chair of the Federal Courts, City Policy, and Women in Profession Committees. She has served on Bar committees that have commented on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mary served for several years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Women's Law Project, a non-profit focused on advancing the rights of women and girls, and volunteers for other non-profit organizations.

Mary is an honors graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Georgetown University Law Center. Mary started her legal career at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP in Philadelphia, where she was an equity partner for twenty-two years, a vice chair of the Litigation Department, and a member of the Professional Responsibility Committee and Technology Committee.

Experience

Represented a major oil company in a class action and hundreds of individual cases alleging personal injury and property damage arising from environmental contamination.

The Justinian Society

Community/Civic Involvement

Philadelphia Bar Association, Elected Positions: Chancellor- Elect 2017, will serve as Chancellor in 2018. Assistant Treasurer – 2002, 2013, 2014; Treasurer – 2003 – 2005; Member, Board of Governors – 1999 – 2001, 2002 – 2005, 2013, 2014

Philadelphia Bar Association, Chancellor's Cabinet – 2002 – 2005, 2008, 2013, 2014

Judge Pro Tem, Commerce Court, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia – 1995 – 2014

Co-Chair, Law Practice Mgmt. Div. – 2009, 2010; Vice Chair – 2008; Treasurer – 2007

Co-Chair, City Policy Committee – 2007, 2008

Chair, Fidelity Bank (now PNC) Award Committee – 2007

Chair, Federal Courts Committee – 2000; Vice Chair – 1999

Chair, Justice Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award Committee – 2003; Member – 2013

Chair, Civility Code Task Force – 2000

Co-Chair, Committee on Women in the Profession – 1997, 1998

Co-Chair. Sandra Dav

Represented a major software company in a class action arising from an allegedly defective product.

Represented a major telecommunications company in resolving a dispute with its landlord and general contractor over a significant construction defect at the client's facility.

Negotiated separation agreement for a law firm shareholder.

Represented a specialty chemical company with respect to a third party subpoena seeking trade secrets and other confidential information pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782.

Negotiated a separation agreement for a general counsel of a biotechnology company.

Served as counsel to a major software company in antitrust class actions brought by indirect purchasers of the company's software in several states and Canada.

Represented major image distribution company in intellectual property litigation.

Selected Publications

Mary Platt became Chancellor-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. in 2017 and will be Chancellor of the Assn. in 2018, December 15, 2015

Ten Tips from Outside Counsel On How to Reduce Outside Legal Costs, *National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms' Newsletter*, December 1, 2012

Honors/Awards

Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® – 2006-07, 2012-14

Selected by SmartCEO Magazine's Legal Elite Readers Poll – 2011, 2012

Pennsylvania Bar Association Special Achievement Award – 1999

Co-Chair, Sandra Day
O'Connor Award Committee
- 1997, 1998

Volunteer, Women's
Business Enterprise Council
- 2011 - 2014

Volunteer, Philadelphia
Volunteers for the Indigent
Program - 1998 - 1999,
2001, 2005 - 2010, 2012 -
2014