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Practice Areas

- Class Actions
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Employment
- Professional Liability

In The News

Conrad O'Brien Wins Defense Verdict for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in \$20 Million Legal Malpractice Case

Education

- Yale Law School (J.D., 1971)
- Bryn Mawr College (A.B., 1967)
- London School of Economics, Fulbright Fellowship (1967-68)

Clerkship

The Honorable Joseph S. Lord, III, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1971-72)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Chambers USA 2010 recognizes Conrad O'Brien as one of the top ranked litigation firms in Pennsylvania. With regard to Nancy J. Gellman, Chambers wrote: Nancy Gellman is praised for having "*a mind like a bear trap*." She has been ranked in Pennsylvania (Band 1) in Litigation: General Commercial.

Nancy has been listed in Chambers USA since its inception with past comments including the following:

- Nancy Gellman was perceived as a productive generalist whose "*tough*" style compliments the firm. (2003)
- "*Outstanding lawyer*" (2004)
- "*Fabulous trial lawyer*" Nancy Gellman is admired for combining "*extraordinary intelligence with natural stamina*." (2005)
- Nancy Gellman is widely perceived as a "*top name for antitrust*." Peers admire her "*thoughtfulness*" and her "*poise as an advocate*." (2006)
- "*Cool under fire*," Nancy Gellman "*cuts to the heart of complex issues quickly. She is incredibly intelligent and brings a superior analysis to anything she does*." Nancy Gellman won outstanding client and peer admiration for "*expressing herself in a quietly persuasive and powerful manner - she is never bombastic or arrogant and wins the credibility of the court*." (2007)
- Peers and clients were full of adoration for "*top-flight attorney*" Nancy Gellman, "*who is as conscientious and effective as they come*" and a "*real asset to the firm*." Nancy Gellman brings "*a commonsense approach to issues*." (2008)
- Nancy Gellman has "*absolutely amazing analytical skills and superb judgment*," and clients praise her "*meticulous preparation - you can guarantee that in any kind of case she will know the law, the facts and industry inside-out*." (2009)

Biography

Nancy Gellman is one of the founders of the firm and serves as the firm's Vice Chair. Nancy has extensive experience in representing clients across a broad array of subject matters including complex commercial cases, class actions, insurance coverage claims, antitrust, and employment litigation. She represents law firms in professional liability and employment matters. Nancy has been recognized as a leading trial lawyer, including being named a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, and being listed in publications such as *Best Lawyers in America* (for Commercial Litigation, Antitrust, Legal Malpractice and Bet-the-Company Litigation), *Chambers USA*, *The Client's Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *Guide to the Leading U.S. Litigation Lawyers*.

In addition to her litigation practice, Nancy has lectured on trial advocacy for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Philadelphia Defense Institute, the Philadelphia Bar Association's Trial Advocacy Program, and Temple University Law School's LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Program.

Honors and Memberships

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Selected as a Leading Lawyer for General Commercial Litigation in Chambers USA, *The Client's Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers for Business* (2003-present)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation (1999-present); Antitrust Law and Legal Malpractice Law (2007-present); Bet-The-Company Litigation (2008)
- Listed as a "Local Star" in *Benchmark Litigation, Guide to America's Leading Litigation Attorneys*
- Named one of Pennsylvania's Leading Women Lawyers in a special supplement of *The Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, titled Women in the Profession - 2004
- Recognized in the 2005 *Guide to the Leading U.S. Litigation Lawyers*
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- American Law Institute
- Served as Judge Pro Tem, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County
- Served as Mediator, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

She was a part-time faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania Law School for several years where she taught appellate advocacy. Before founding the firm, Nancy was a partner in the litigation department at Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz.