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Practices

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation
Professional Liability Litigation

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Education

Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 2015
Emory University, B.A., 2012

Overview

Avana is a trial attorney in the firm’s Litigation Department and she concentrates her practice in the area of professional liability and insurance coverage litigation. She defends businesses, law firms, business owners, employers, attorneys, brokers and other professionals against allegations of malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract. She also represents insurers in coverage disputes and litigation, primarily involving commercial general liability policies and professional liability insurance policies. Avana has successfully defended cases in state court and has successfully argued before the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

In addition to her practice at Peabody & Arnold LLP, Avana serves as an At-Large Director for the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association and as a member of the Anti-Defamation League’s Associate Board. She serves as a pro bono attorney for the Women’s Bar Foundation’s Family Law Project representing survivors of domestic violence in restraining order and family law matters. She also serves as an “Innbassador” for Pine Street Inn where she works to bring awareness to the impact domestic violence has on homelessness in Boston and fundraises for the organization. Avana gives presentations on domestic violence to the sheltered guests at Pine Street Inn. In 2018, she was recognized by Get Konekcted! as one of Boston’s Most Influential Millennials of Color.

Affiliations

Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association, Director and Chair of the Membership Development Committee

Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys, Member

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association, Member

Women’s Bar Association, Member

Representative Cases

- Won five-day jury trial and successfully defended against multi-million dollar breach of contract, unjust enrichment and quantum meruit claims
- Successfully argued and won Massachusetts Appeals Court decision in favor of client in legal malpractice case
- Successfully argued and won dismissal of complaint in case where trustee brought a legal malpractice claim on a bankruptcy estate's behalf against the debtor's former attorney
- Won one-day bench trial in legal malpractice case
- Successfully obtained dismissal of complaint in case where owner of residential property brought breach of contract and violation of 93A claims against real estate broker

Awards

Get Konnected!'s 25 Most Influential Millennial Leaders of Color (2018)