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Samantha Pedersen focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and general civil matters in both federal and state courts. She handles a wide range of disputes, including breach of contract, product liability, negligence, intellectual property, professional malpractice, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. Samantha also has experience with federal antitrust litigation and multidistrict class action cases, providing clients with strategic counsel in high-stakes environments.

Samantha manages multiple cases from pre-suit risk analysis through settlement or trial, negotiating with opposing counsel and serving as the primary client contact. She is proactive in addressing case-specific legal issues, ensuring that each matter is handled efficiently and effectively to achieve the best possible outcomes for her clients.

Notable Work

Product Liability Litigation: Defended an international public company in multimillion dollar products liability suits and multiple jury trials.

Negligence Defense: Represented a multinational public company against claims of negligence.

Cryptocurrency Litigation: Represented a client in a highly publicized federal trial on behalf of a decedent's estate involving a multibillion-dollar cryptocurrency contract and intellectual property claim.

Malpractice Defense: Represented a major law firm in a malpractice dispute.

Victim Representation: Represented a sexual assault victim in a case against one of the largest school districts in the country.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Class Action Defense
Commercial Disputes
Professional Liability
Product Liability and Mass Torts

Education

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2018, Journal of Law and Social Change, Associate Editor Master of Bioethics, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 2018 B.A., University of Miami, 2013

Admissions

Bars

Florida New York **Credit Dispute**: Represented the energy division of a public company in various credit reporting claims.

Related Professional Experience

- United Nations, Legal Intern, Fall 2017
- Legal Aid Society, Department of Domestic Violence, Summer 2012