



# Sara T. Schneider

PARTNER

Sara’s practice focuses on complex commercial matters, including intellectual property (patent infringement, trademark, trade dress, and trade secrets), unfair competition with a focus on false advertising, and high value contractual and tort litigation.



## Industries

[Nonprofits & Associations](#)

## Practices

[Complex Litigation](#)

[Labor, Employment & OSHA](#)

[Trade Secrets, Non-Competes & Employee Mobility](#)

## Education

New York University School of Law, JD, 2011

Duke University, BA, 2008

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## Client Work

Sara has broad-ranging experience including preparing pleadings and petition for writ of mandate, drafting successful dispositive motions and appellate briefs, managing complex e-discovery, taking and defending depositions of fact witnesses and expert witnesses, responding to subpoenas, cross-examining fact witnesses at trial, and negotiating favorable settlements.

Some of Sara’s notable representations include:

- Representing medical supplier in high-value patent infringement and unfair competition (false advertising) dispute.
- Representing Fortune 500 company in trademark dispute with former licensee.
- Defeating trademark infringement claim at summary judgment.
- Defending medical supplier in patent infringement and trade dress dispute.
- Defending medical device company and individual employees against high-stakes trade secret infringement and non-compete claims.
- Obtaining temporary restraining order protecting trade secrets owned by nonprofit organization.
- Drafting effective cease-and-desist letters protecting patent, trade dress, and trademark rights of fashion retail clients.
- Defending a national consumer electronics retail chain in a patent infringement dispute.
- Representing hospitals in contractual disputes and tort litigation, including successful California Supreme Court petition for review of Anti-SLAPP decision.
- Representing medical practices in a Federal Trade Commission investigation into possible violations of antitrust.
- Defending a state at trial and on appeal in a prominent Voting Rights Act litigation.
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- Defending a major multinational oil company in an AAA complex commercial arbitration.
- Defending retail clients against Americans with Disabilities Act claims.
- Representing client challenging outcome of Title IV proceedings.

## Previous Work

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Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Sara was an associate at an international law firm, where she handled complex litigation matters. There, her practice was dedicated to the representation of a global bank in mortgage-backed securities litigation. She also undertook the successful representation of a victim of human trafficking.

## Publications, Presentations, & Recognitions

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- Co-Author, “The Cloud Is Not Falling: A Rational Read Of Aereo,” *Law360*, August 2014
- Co-Author, “Family Responsibility Discrimination: An Emerging Theory of Liability or Garden Variety Gender Discrimination?” *Defense Research and Employment Law* newsletter, 2007
- Recipient of pro bono awards from ArentFox Schiff and previous firm
- Recognized by the New York City Bar for [volunteer work](#) in representing victim of human trafficking

## Bar Admissions

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[California](#)

[New York](#)

## Court Admissions

[US District Court, Southern District of New York](#)

[US District Court, Eastern District of New York](#)

[US District Court, Northern District of California](#)

[US District Court, Central District of California](#)

[US District Court, Eastern District of California](#)