Lizz Acee

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Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, *Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine*, Executive Editor, JD
- University at Buffalo, BS

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- Higher Education
- Labor & Employment
- Canada-US Cross-Border
- Hotels, Hospitality & Food Service

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- New York

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Connecticut

Biography

With over two decades of experience practicing employment law, Lizz focuses her practice on employment and business litigation, internal investigations, and employment counseling. She is an efficient, effective litigator, routinely defending employers in a wide range of industries, including higher education, health care, biotech, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, and finance, against the full range of individual discrimination and contract lawsuits. Lizz's counsel also extends to employment-related claims, including defamation, tortious interference, and misappropriation of trade secrets, as well as contract claims involving non-competition, non-solicitation, and other employment agreements.

In addition to litigating, Lizz regularly leads high-profile internal investigations for employers related to all aspects of workplace misconduct. She also has extensive experience advising and representing private schools, colleges, and universities in a variety of employment-related matters, Title IX compliance, and conducting investigations involving both student and faculty misconduct.

Lizz also partners with her employer clients to help reduce their litigation vulnerabilities by providing day-to-day strategic counsel on issues ranging from employment policies to executive and employment agreements to employment issues related to successful corporate transitions and restructurings. She regularly protects clients' interests before the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and state workforce agencies across the country.

Lizz serves on the firm's Management Committee as managing director of major markets, overseeing the Boston, New Haven, New York, Newark, and Washington DC offices.

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section Liaison and House of Delegates Member; Former Young Lawyers Division Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer
- Connecticut Bar Association, Member and Former Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Former Young Lawyers Section Chair, Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon Women's Forum
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow

Prior Experience

- LeClairRyan, President
- Tyler Cooper

Selected Community Activities

- Yale Law School, Advanced Trial Practice Adjunct

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation, 2018–2027; Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2021–2027
- *New Haven BIZ*, Power 25 List, 2023
- *Connecticut Magazine,* Top 25 Women Attorneys in Connecticut, 2019
- Selected to *Super Lawyers*: Top 25 Women Lawyers in Connecticut, 2018
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Connecticut: Business Litigation and Employee Litigation: Defense, 2011–2018

Selected Media

- *The American Lawyer*, "As Midsize Firms Seek Scale to Compete, Should They Choose Mergers or Grow With What They Have?"
- Law360, "Connecticut Legislation Passed in 2024: A Midyear Report"
- *Hartford Business Journal*, "Barclay Damon's CT Expansion Reflects Growth of Intellectual Property Law Sector"
- *Connecticut Law Tribune*, "Women in the Law"

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- Managing Employment Issues Through Crisis