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Overview

Kerri serves as Co-Chair of Archer's New Jersey Local Counsel Practice. An experienced trial attorney, Kerri's practice has been devoted to the defense of class actions in both state and federal court. For twenty years, she has been leading litigation cases from inception through to trial, including defense of complex commercial claims, civil rights claims, unfair competition and Lanham Act claims, and white collar defense. Kerri has successfully defended several proposed class actions involving claims under the Truth in Consumer Contract and Warranty Act and consumer fraud act claims in New Jersey state court. Her previous class action experience includes the successful defense of a class action in federal court asserting civil rights violations on behalf of New Jersey prisoners with Hepatitis C. More recently, Kerri has been an integral part of the litigation contingent for a multi-disciplinary team of Archer lawyers working to protect the U.S.-based financial interests of a foreign national client.

Outside of the office, Kerri plays a prominent role in the federal courts in the District of New Jersey. Kerri served as the President of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. She is also an author and co-editor for the annual *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure* publication. Kerri also serves on the Lawyers' Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. She is also a frequent presenter for CLE programs in the areas of Federal Practice, E-Discovery, Ethics & Professionalism.

Prior to joining Archer, Kerri served as a law clerk to the Honorable Garrett E. Brown, Jr., U.S.D.J. (ret.) where she gained valuable insight into federal court practice and procedure. She often serves as local counsel for cases pending in the District of New Jersey. Although Kerri is an experienced litigator, she has negotiated economical settlements for clients in a wide variety of matters. Kerri is approved by the District Court to serve as a mediator for the District of New Jersey.

Representative Experience

- Obtained defense verdict in jury trial on federal civil RICO, civil rights and state law claims.
- Obtained summary judgment dismissing purported class action WARN Act claim on behalf of 100+ potential class members.
- Successfully defeated motion for class certification against a proposed class of 400,000 former and present inmates involving allegations of improper medical care for diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.
- Participated as liaison counsel in the defense of antitrust claims involving the carbon brush industry; assisted in securing court approval of class action settlement.
- Obtained the imposition of sanctions against counsel for the assertion of RICO and litigation fraud claims against physicians arising out of previously dismissed medical malpractice claims and argued successfully for the affirmance of the District Court's dismissal of the federal claims.
- Successfully obtained ruling affirming dismissal of insured physician's third-party claim against medical malpractice insurance carrier seeking to override the negotiated settlement of a malpractice claim.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Past President, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Lawyers Advisory Committee, U.S.D.C. – District of New Jersey
- Treasurer, Association of the Federal Bar
- Former Past Chair, Federal Practice Section, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Originating Member, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Cleft Lip and Palate Support Group
- Volunteer Mock Trial Instructor, St. Paul School

Select Articles

- "How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted (and Keep Theirs Out)," *National Business Institute* (August 2021)

In the News

"Are These Judges Too Slow? New Data and Nuances," *New Jersey Law Journal* (June 2024)



Recognitions

- Named to New Jersey “Super Lawyers Rising Stars” list for Class Action & Mass Torts (2008 - 2015)

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Credentials

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, JD
- Rutgers University, BS

Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Offices

- Voorhees, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Appellate Practice
- Business Litigation
- Civil Rights Defense & Constitutional Litigation
- Corporate Compliance, Investigations & White Collar Defense
- Intellectual Property
- NJ Local Court Practice

