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About Marissa

Marissa represents clients in a broad range of complex civil and commercial litigation, with a focus on defending major financial institutions against claims brought under state and federal consumer protection laws and banking regulations, including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (FDCPA), the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, and New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act.

Marissa has extensive experience handling individual consumer cases and class actions in federal and state courts across the country, including those brought by pro se plaintiffs. Marissa also assists her clients in navigating regulatory and compliance matters, including responding to civil investigative demands (CID), subpoenas, and matters initiated by government institutions.

Marissa's Affiliations

- LGBT Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Banking & Financial Institutions; Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services

Services: Appellate; Complex Commercial Litigation ; Consumer & Class Action Defense;
Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA); Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA);
Financial Services Litigation ; Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance;
Litigation & Trial; Regulatory & Compliance

Experience

- Secured a full dismissal for a national mortgage lender in a nationwide FDCPA class action, followed by a summary affirmance from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Obtained a preclusion order against vexatious plaintiffs and an order for attorney's fees covering the full defense costs.
- Led the defense of an auto loan lender in a nationwide class action with potential statutory damages exceeding \$250 million. Used motion practice to secure an early, favorable settlement on an individual basis and dismissal of all class claims.
- Aggressively defended a national bank in a multimillion-dollar UCC class action, defeating extensive class-wide discovery demands and negotiating a settlement far below potential damages after opposing class certification.
- Achieved summary judgment on fraud and negligence claims and defended the ruling on appeal, securing an affirmance by the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Recognition

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars for Civil Litigation and Class Action & Mass Torts, 2023 – 2025
- *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch™* for Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2024; and Mass Tort/Class Actions, 2022 – 2024
- Best Lawyers Business Edition of Women in the Law, 2021 – 2023
- Philadelphia Diversity Law Group (PDLG), Diversity Law Fellow, 2012
- Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, CALI Award in Constitutional Law and in Sexual Orientation and the Law

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Credentials

Education

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, JD, *cum laude*
Pace University, BS

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

US Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

US District Court for the District of New Jersey

US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

US District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Interests

Did you know...

Marissa is an avid Philadelphia sports fan, *Go Birds*. When not in the office, Marissa spends her free time traveling with her wife, playing board games, and trying local breweries.

Thought Leadership

Press Release

- Hinshaw Adds Four Partners to Financial Services Group in New Jersey, Apr 16, 2025