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Diana Manning is a Management Committee Member and Principal at Bressler. Diana has over two decades of experience in complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Diana is a Principal in Bressler's New Jersey office, is Chair of the firm's Business and Commercial Litigation practice group, and spearheads the firm's Appellate practice team. Diana has developed a successful track record of trial verdicts and settlements, especially in complex matters. She also has a reputation as a strategic, thoughtful, and fearless advocate for all of her clients.

A distinguished trial lawyer, Diana is Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. She is also an accomplished appellate lawyer who has participated in six matters before the New Jersey Supreme Court, including arguing four times. Diana is an avid presenter and author on business litigation, legal ethics, products liability, and professional liability. She is the author of the New Jersey Chapter of *The Law of Lawyer's Liability: Fifty-State Survey of Legal Malpractice*, ABA/First Chair Press, which provides an overview of the laws governing attorney malpractice in each state.

To date, Diana's distinguished career has brought her offices and honors from many professional and legal industry organizations. Diana served on the District XA Ethics Committee for 10 years and was appointed Chair by the New Jersey Supreme Court from 2017-2019. She is the current Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and is Past President of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, the Morris County Bar Association, and the Morris County Bar Foundation.

Experience

- *Meisels v. Fox Rothschild LLP*, 240 N.J. 286 (2020)
- *Dimitrakopoulos v. Borrus, Goldin, Foley, Vignuolo, Hyman and Stahl, P.C.*, 237 N.J. 91 (2019)

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Business & Commercial Litigation
Class Action and Multi-District Litigation
Class Action and Multi-District Litigation
COVID-19 Task Force
Insurance Coverage Disputes & Bad Faith Claims
Legal Ethics and Compliance
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

- Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, J.D., 1993
- Rutgers College, Rutgers University, B.A., 1990

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
New York
U.S. District Court, District of

- *Francesse v. Am. Modern Ins. Grp., Inc.*, 383 F. Supp. 3d 336 (D.N.J. 2019)
- *Dimitrakopoulos v. Borrus, Goldin, Foley, Vignuolo, Hyman and Stahl, C.*, 237 N.J. 91 (2019), wherein the New Jersey Supreme Court held that the entire controversy doctrine bars a legal malpractice claim asserted by a former client who has failed to assert the claim in a previous fee collection action brought by the client's attorney, provided the client had a fair and reasonable opportunity to assert the claim in the collection action.
- *In re Accutane Litigation*, 234 N.J. 340 (2018), the seminal case on admissibility of expert scientific testimony in which the New Jersey Supreme Court adopted consideration of the federal *Daubert* standards, and emphasized a trial court's proper "gatekeeping" role in seeking to disallow generally unreliable, unsound, and unaccepted expert testimony from reaching a jury.
- *Motorworld, Inc. v. Benkendorf*, 228 N.J. 311 (2017), which dealt with novel issues of interpretation related to New Jersey's Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act.
- *Guido v. Duane Morris, LLP*, 202 N.J. 79 (2010), a landmark case that involved the impact of a settlement on a legal malpractice claim. *Kranz v. Tiger*, 390 N.J. Super. 135 (App. Div.), *den.*, 192 N.J. 294 (2007)
- *Stoeckel v. Twp. of Knowlton*, 387 N.J. Super. 1 (App. Div.), *den.*, 188 N.J. 489 (2006)
- *Jerista v. Murray*, 185 N.J. 175 (2005)
- *Grzanka v. Pfeifer*, 301 N.J. Super. 563 (App. Div. 1997), *den.*, 154 N.J. 607 (1998)

News & Alerts

Bressler, Amery & Ross Announces 2024 Leadership Changes and New Management Committee Structure
Firm News, 04.24.2024

Two Bressler Attorneys Named 2024 NJBIZ Leaders in Law and Rising Star Honorees
Firm News, 04.01.2024

Ten Bressler Attorneys Selected to the 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, 03.27.2024

New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

Bressler Recognized as a Best Company to Work For By U.S. News & World Report
Firm News, 02.20.2024

Bressler Principal Louis Mendez Elected as President of Region VII of the Hispanic National Bar Association
Firm News, 09.28.2023

Bressler Principal, Col. Eric L. Chase, USMCR (Ret.) Honored with the *Marine Corps Gazette's* Distinguished Author Recognition
Firm News, 09.15.2023

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 "Lawyer of the Year" and 16 "Ones to Watch"
Firm News, 08.17.2023

Bressler, Amery & Ross' Pauline Tarife Named 2023 Professional Excellence Honoree by the New Jersey Law Journal
Firm News, 08.02.2023

Bressler Firm Managing Principal Diana Manning Selected to the NJBIZ Law Power 50 for the Third Year in a Row
Firm News, 07.26.2023

Hope Zelinger Recognized in 2023 *Florida Trend* Legal Elite's List of Notable Managing Partners
Firm News, 07.19.2023

Bressler Named an Honoree of NJBIZ's Inaugural Empowering Women Award
Firm News, 06.28.2023

Bressler Attorney Paola Toro Selected to Serve on Sustainable Jersey's Board of Trustees
Firm News, 06.14.2023

Bressler, Amery & Ross Announces the Relocation of Its Fort Lauderdale, Florida Office
Firm News, 05.30.2023

Speaking Engagements & Events

Diana Manning to Speak on NJSBA Webinar: *Women Lawyers Navigating Midlife*
Speaking Engagement, 04.02.2024

Diana Manning to speak on NJICLE Seminar: *A Day on Evidence*
Speaking Engagement, 03.22.2024

Diana Manning to speak on NJSBA 2024 Labor and Employment Law Forum
Speaking Engagement, 03.08.2024

Diana Manning to speak on NJICLE webcast: *NJ Attorneys on New Jersey Cross Examination*
Speaking Engagement, Webcast, 08.21.2023

The Twin E's of Arbitration Provisions in Commercial Agreements: Enforceability and Ethics
Speaking Engagement, 08.10.2023

Diana Manning to Speak on NJICLE Webcast: Legal Talent Recruiting and Retention - How to Recruit the Talent
You Need for Success in this Ever-Changing Market
Speaking Engagement, 06.08.2023

Diana Manning to Speak on New Jersey Women Lawyers Association and Hispanic Bar Association of New
Jersey Nuts and Bolts Program
Speaking Engagement, 06.01.2023

Articles & Publications

Ending an Engagement on a High Note: What Every Attorney Should Know About Closing Letters
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 04.18.2024

Two Worlds Collide: When Artificial Intelligence Meets the Practice of Law
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 02.22.2024

Crying Foul Over Attorney Conduct During Depositions
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 01.29.2024

My Dog Ate My E-mails: Document Retention and the Duty to Preserve in 2023
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 11.22.2023

Cross-Examination: Tips for Young Attorneys and Experienced Litigators
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 10.12.2023

Mid-Year Billing Tips: The Devil Is in the Details
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 07.06.2023

Whose File Is It? The Ethics of Returning a Client's File and Property
Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 06.13.2023

Civic Involvement

- Trustee – New Jersey State Bar Foundation
- Member – NJSBF Project Development Committee
- Member – NJSBF Court Night Subcommittee
- Member – NJSBF Nominating Committee
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Trustee Emeritus and Board Member – Morris County Bar Foundation
- Past President – Morris County Bar Foundation
- Board of Trustees, CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties, Inc.

Professional Affiliations

- Civil Trial Attorney - Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey (March 2011 - present)
- Secretary, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Former Chair - Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association
- Member - Appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct
- Vice Chair - NJSBA Civil Trial Bar Section
- Member - NJSBA Amicus Committee
- Immediate Past President - New Jersey Women Lawyers Association
- Past President - Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
- Past President - Morris County Bar Association
- Board Member - Law360 New Jersey Editorial Advisory Board (2022-2024)
- Member - The South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey
- Member - Essex County Bar Association
- Member - American Bar Association
- Member - Defense Research Institute
- Member - New Jersey Defense Association
- Member - New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts (2008-2010)

Awards & Honors

- Selected to the list of *Martindale-Hubbell AV*[®] Preeminent Lawyers
- Included in the list of *Martindale-Hubbell's* "Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers," 2012-2013

These awards are conferred by Martindale-Hubbell. A description of the selection methodology is available here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey

- Included in the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*[®], 2015-2024
- Received the *Best Lawyers*[™] 2020 Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" award in Newark, 2020

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- Selected to the list of the *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2009-2024

This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is available here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

- Selected to the list of *Super Lawyers*, "Top 100 Lawyers in New Jersey," 2018-2024

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- Selected to the list of *Super Lawyers*, "Top 50 Women Lawyers in New Jersey," 2013, 2017-2024

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- Selected to the list of *Super Lawyers*, "Top 10 Lawyers in New Jersey," 2023

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- Recognized on the *Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" List, 2006-2007

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Power 50 in Law List, 2021-2023

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Leaders in Law Honoree List, 2021, 2024

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Best 50 Women in Business Honoree List, 2021

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Vanguard Series: "Leaders in Law," 2018

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- Recognized in the ROI-NJ Influencers in Law Inaugural Power List, 2022

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- Recognized in the ROI-NJ Influencers in Law Power List, 2023, 2024

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- Recognized in ROI Influencers: Women in Business, 2024

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- Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney
- Elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. The ABF Fellowship comprises a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and to the welfare of their communities. Membership in the Fellows is limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.
- Recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by Rutgers University Law School, 2024
- Received the Civil Practice Achievement Award presented by the Essex County Bar Association, 2022
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, 2021
- Selected to receive the Civil Practice Award presented by the Morris County Bar Association, 2021
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, 2017
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of the Morris County Bar Association, 2017