

Tanya M. Salman

Partner

Overview

Tanya is passionate about advising and advocating for her clients effectively. She methodically evaluates each case to determine how to resolve the litigation most efficiently and favorably for her clients, especially if and when it can be avoided.

Tanya has represented clients in state and federal courts as well as in arbitration and mediation proceedings. She has experience in a wide array of complex business litigation matters, including disputes over contracts, business torts, real estate, and trademark infringement. Additionally, she has assisted and advised clients on all aspects of federal and state contracting obtaining successful outcomes in bid protests and appeals.

While in law school, Tanya served as a student attorney for the Walworth County District Attorney's Office and for the Wisconsin Innocence Project. During college, Tanya was a student intern and investigator for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, and served as an arbitrator for the University of Michigan Office of Student Conflict Resolution.

Experience

Recent representations include:

- Represented a state agency in a financial consumer protection action, winning on a motion to dismiss and appeal
- Represented a client in a real estate matter, winning on a motion to dismiss in federal court
- Represented a client through a favorable settlement in a state bid protest, from the administrative level to the circuit court
- Represented an online clothing company in a trademark dispute in federal court and obtained an award of attorneys' fees after winning a motion for contempt
- Assisted an international client settle a \$6 million breach of contract/fraud case



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Industries

Banking & Financial Services

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Creditors' Rights, Bankruptcy,
Reorganization & Workouts
Litigation

- Represented a client in the transportation and mining industry in a \$2 million breach of contract litigation
- Successfully represented a merchandiser in a trademark opposition dispute, winning after submitting trial brief with the TTAB
- Represented a grocery store chain in a trademark infringement dispute before a federal court resulting in a favorable settlement

Honors & Recognitions

- Wisconsin “Rising Stars” list, Super Lawyers, 2016-2017
- Outstanding Community Service Award, Michael Best Litigation Practice Group, 2014
- Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society, 2015

Professional Activities

- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, 2020
- Member, State Bar of Wisconsin
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Dane County Bar Association
- Member, Association for Women Lawyers
- Member, Programming Committee, James E. Doyle American Inn of Court
- Working Committee Member, Western District of Wisconsin Bar Association
- Western District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Bar Association

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2012
- University of Michigan, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 2009; Political Science and Spanish

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Illinois
- United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Languages

- Spanish, Fluent
- Arabic, Conversant

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Madison Public Library Foundation, Co-Chair Donor Development Committee/Co-chair Lunch for Libraries
- Co-chair, Lawyers & Engineers Advancing Diversity (LEAD)
- Executive Council, Ellevate
- Treasurer, Opera for the Young
- Former President, Friends of the Madison Public Library
- Member, United Way Women's Leadership Council and Rosenberry Society
- Coach, Girls on the Run
- Volunteer Attorney, Student Expulsion Prevention Project
- Member, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Related News

NEWS

July 22, 2020

Michael Best Elects Six Attorneys to Partnership

PUBLICATION

July 17, 2020

HR/Government Contracts Procurement Action to Avoid an OFCCP Audit

NEWS

September 24, 2018

Michael Best's Tanya Salman Recognized by The Association of Women Lawyers