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PRACTICE AREAS:

[Litigation](#)

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., Washington & Lee University
School of Law, 2017

B.A., cum laude, Saint Vincent
College, 2014

Gretchen N. Panchik

CO-OFFICE CHAIR ASSOCIATE

Gretchen Panchik is an associate in the Pittsburgh office and focuses her practice on a broad range of commercial litigation and insurance recovery matters. She drives an active litigation practice representing public and private companies. Gretchen counsels clients through risk management concerns with a focused reduction on operational and business impacts. She serves as a tactical adviser to her colleagues, firm clients, and community partners through creative resolutions to multifaceted legal matters. Gretchen also provides legal counsel for clients in contract disputes and mass tort litigation.

Prior to joining Eckert Seamans, Gretchen served as an assistant district attorney for the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, where she wrote appellate briefs and argued in the Pennsylvania Superior Court on a wide variety of cases. She previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Michael T. Clark of the Indiana County Court of Common Pleas. In 2022, Gretchen completed the nationally recognized hands-on mock trial training at the annual Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Allegheny County Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Saint Vincent College Law Society, Secretary
- Reading is FUNdamental Pittsburgh, elementary school reading mentor

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Armstrong County Bar Association Scholarship, 2015
- Washington and Lee University School of Law, Academic Scholarships
- Saint Vincent College, Academic Scholarships

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- [“REAs may count as “claims” under the Contracts Disputes Act, according to a recent Federal Circuit decision,”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Construction Law Update, Fall 2022.
- [“Business Interruption Insurance: Litigation and Legislative Update,”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Legal Update April 22, 2020.
- [“Exculpatory clauses in engineering contracts: Void against public policy in West Virginia,”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Construction Law Update, Winter 2019.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Issues for In-House Counsel” co-presenter to in-house counsel, December 2022.
- “An Eckert Seamans Tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” panelist, October 20, 2020.