

Francesca L. Spinelli

ASSOCIATE

Francesca Spinelli focuses her practice on a broad range of commercial litigation matters.

Francesca advises businesses, insurers, financial institutions, and nonprofit organizations in complex commercial disputes and other high-exposure matters. She helps clients manage risk, protect their interests, and navigate challenges that can affect operations, financial performance, and long-term objectives.

Her experience includes contract disputes, business tort claims, and litigation arising from mass tort bankruptcy proceedings. She represents publicly traded and privately held companies, insurance carriers, business owners, and nonprofit organizations in state and federal courts.

Francesca guides matters from early case assessment through resolution, developing case strategy, managing discovery, taking and defending depositions, drafting and arguing motions, and preparing cases for trial. She partners with clients to evaluate risk, address complex legal and operational issues, and develop practical solutions that support their business objectives.

Francesca also serves on defense teams representing churches, schools, youth organizations, and insurers in litigation involving allegations of institutional liability for childhood sexual abuse in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. She helps coordinate complex defense efforts through strategic case management, focused discovery, motion practice, and collaboration with clients, co-counsel, and other stakeholders.

Francesca serves as the firm's Philadelphia representative for the Women's Initiative at Eckert (WIE).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; serves as Chair of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Philadelphia SeniorLAW Center

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PRACTICE AREAS:

Commercial Litigation

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

New York

COURT ADMISSIONS:

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

EDUCATION:

J.D., Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, *cum laude*, 2022

B.A., Binghamton University, *magna cum laude*, 2019

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "Defending Mult-District, Mass Tort, and other High Volume Litigation: Five Key Strategy Points," Eckert Seamans' Legal Update – August 2026.
- "From the Runway to the Courtroom: Early Career Lessons From *The Devil Wears Prada*," The Legal Intelligencer, May 2026.
- "Digital Platforms Face Increased Civil Litigation Exposure For Design Based Liability Claims," Eckert Seamans' Legal Update – April 2026.