

## Victoria Alvarez

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An experienced trial attorney, Victoria is a partner in the firm's Business Litigation section. She uses her courtroom experiences to counsel companies on limiting their liability and exposure.

### Areas of Focus:

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Energy
- Construction Litigation
- International Dispute Resolution

Victoria counsels businesses big and small — from multinational corporations to local partnerships. Appearing before state and federal courts, municipalities, public commissions, and international arbitral panels, Victoria often represents real estate developers, manufacturers, retail operators, and utilities.

While her goal is to offer practical advice designed to meet business objectives and, wherever possible, avoid litigation, if a suit becomes inevitable, Victoria is well-equipped to manage even the most complex, multifaceted cases. In the courtroom, Victoria has been praised by clients and peers as being "poised under pressure" and "in command," but outside the courtroom she's a "true lawyer's lawyer and a true client's lawyer."

### Representative Matters

- Overturned a municipality's illegal denial of a national real estate developer's master plan approval after a multiday hearing involving voluminous evidence.
- Represents a global technology company in HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong, concerning the impact of U.S. trade regulations on contract and governance obligations, applying U.S. state and federal law, the law of England and Wales, and the law of the Cayman Islands.
- Obtained liability and damages award in CIETAC arbitration seated in China on behalf of a U.S.-based medical device manufacturer against its Chinese distributor, applying Chinese law and language.

- Upheld a national restaurant operator's zoning and property rights before a quasi-judicial municipal body.
- Represents a public utility in land use and commercial disputes.
- Represented a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer in an ICC arbitration seated in Zurich over a failed collaboration agreement for the development and marketing of a new product.
- Developed complex medical defenses for a large multinational consumer products corporation.
- Represented a multinational retail corporation in state and federal court, including trial, in a variety of matters including premises liability.
- Represented insurance and financial services companies in breach of contract, personal injury, and wrongful death matters.

*Representative matters may include engagements before joining Troutman Pepper.*

## Related Practices and Industries

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- Business Litigation
- Financial Services
- Litigation

## Speaking Engagements

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- Moderator, "Mediation Strategies and Perspectives: Insurance, Products Liability, and Commercial Practice," ABA Business Litigation Conference: Getting Down to Business! Examining Emerging Trends in Business Litigation, March 25, 2022.
- Panelist, "Tools for Your Toolkit: Building an Inclusive Culture," Mecklenburg County Bar Association Law Day, February 4, 2022.
- Panelist, "Building Your Brand," ABA Webinar, January 7, 2022.
- Co-host, Debbie Epstein Henry Speaker Series, October 13, 2021.
- Panelist, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Virtual Mediation," ABA Webinar, May 11, 2021.
- Presenter, "Leveraging Social Media," ABA Webinar, June 24, 2020.
- Panelist, "Discovery Disputes: Winning the Battles in the Trenches," ABA Webinar, June 5, 2020.
- Presenter, "Autonomous Vehicles and Data Privacy," California Certified CLE, 2019.
- Panelist, "Automotive Data on the Docket: Legal, Ethical, and Consumer Issues," American Bar Association Webinar, February 2019.
- Panelist, "Countering the Treating Physician," Brown & James Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, 2018.

## Publications

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- Co-author, "[Troutman Pepper Guide to International Arbitration](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, April 17, 2023.

- Co-author, "[A Change in Course? The Eleventh Circuit May Soon Join Most Circuits on the Applicability of FAA Grounds to Vacate Nondomestic Arbitration Awards](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, December 14, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Federal Court Further Narrows 28 U.S.C. § 1782 Application Following Landmark SCOTUS Decision](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, November 17, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Holds Courts Cannot Order Discovery in Most International Arbitrations](#)," *American Bar Association's Section of Litigation-Alternative Dispute Resolution Article*, September 2, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Can You Enforce an International Arbitration Award That's Been Set Aside?](#)" *Troutman Pepper*, August 10, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS Resolves Section 1782 Controversy: Courts Cannot Order Discovery in Most International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, June 15, 2022.
- Co-author, "[Section 1782 Is Back](#)," *American Bar Association's Section of Litigation-Alternative Dispute Resolution Article*, February 9, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS to Resolve Circuit Split After All — Can Federal Courts Order Discovery For Use in Private, Commercial International Arbitrations?](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, December 15, 2021.
- Co-author, "[SCOTUS to Dismiss 28 U.S.C. § 1782\(a\) Case: No Resolution \(For Now\) as to Whether the Section Applies to Private, Commercial, International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, September 27, 2021.
- Co-author, "[Certiorari Granted: SCOTUS to Decide if 28 U.S.C. § 1782\(a\) Applies to Private, Commercial, International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, March 23, 2021.
- Co-author, "Opportunities Created by the Crisis: Manufacturing Masks as an Example," *AMCHAMDR*, August 2020.
- Co-author, "[Liability Considerations for Manufacturers of Face Masks in the Age of COVID-19](#)," *The Voice*, July 15, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Circuits Remain Split on Allowing U.S. Discovery in Private, International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, July 13, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Supreme Court May Decide if Litigants Can Conduct U.S. Discovery for Private International Arbitrations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, July 7, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Considerations for Re-Opening Gyms and Fitness Studios](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, July 6, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Liability Considerations for Manufacturers of Face Masks Intended for Source Control in the Age of COVID-19](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, June 9, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Heed the Warnings of Pending Negligent Exposure Suits](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, May 28, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Guidance for Non-Medical Device Manufacturers to Produce Isolation Gowns](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, April 22, 2020.
- Co-author, "[Considerations for Limiting Liability for Manufacturers and Importers of Masks and PPE During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, April 9, 2020.
- Author, "[Small Business Balancing Act: COVID-19, Considerations on Whether to Stay Open When You Must](#)," *Troutman Sanders*, March 20, 2020.

## Media Commentary

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- Interviewed, "[Charlotte's Women in Business: Victoria Alvarez, Troutman Pepper](#)," *Charlotte Business Journal*, March 3, 2023.
- Interviewed, "[Manufacturing Masks and Protective Equipment in the Age of COVID-19](#)," Troutman Sanders and Pepper Hamilton COVID-19 Litigation Podcast Series, COVID-19 Resource Center, May 9, 2020.
- Quoted, "[Troutman, Smith Gambrell Protect Volunteer PPE-Makers From Legal Liability](#)," Daily Report, April 7, 2020.

## Professional and Community Involvement

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- Commissioner, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession
- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
- Committee chair, Task Force member, and Standing Committee member, ABA Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section
- Educational Module presenter, The Financial Literacy Project presented by Thomson Reuters and the American Bar Association
- Lawyers Serving Warriors Pro Bono Service - National Veterans Legal Services Program
- Advisory Board member, Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte
- Vice-chair, Latino Caucus at Troutman Pepper
- Member, Hispanic Bar Association

## Rankings and Recognitions

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- *Charlotte Business Journal* "Women in Business" Award, 2023
- American Bar Association "Top 40 Young Lawyers" Award, 2022
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation* (2021-2023)
- Member, American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Leadership Academy, 2019
- Winning Team, Bar Association of Metro St. Louis Young Lawyers Division Trial Competition, 2016
- Winner, Milton F. Napier Award in Trial Advocacy, The Lawyers Association of St. Louis, 2013
- Outstanding Woman of the Year, The University of South Carolina, 2009

## Bar Admissions

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- Illinois
- Missouri
- North Carolina

## Court Admissions

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- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina
- Department of Veterans Affairs

## Education

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- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2013
- University of South Carolina Honors College, B.A., 2010