



TIANA A. BEY, P C

ATTORNEY AT LAW



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Attorney & Principal

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Admissions

District of Columbia
Illinois
Maryland
USDC for the District of Columbia
USDC for the District of Maryland
USCA, Second Circuit

Education

The George Washington University
Law School, J.D.
Gustavus Adolphus College, B.A.

Tiana A. Bey is a dynamic lawyer with over 28 years of legal experience, including nearly 14 years of post-JD experience as a practicing attorney. She has worked for 7 and half years as a commercial litigation generalist and international disputes lawyer at a mid-sized national firm and for over 3 years as a boutique firm trial attorney, handling international disputes, property disputes, and family law matters. Ms. Bey also worked for more than 15 years as a commercial litigation and appellate practice paralegal for the top international law firm in the country.

Ms. Bey's experiences as both a lawyer and a paralegal at various-sized law firms have given her a unique and advanced perspective on any case that comes her way. She is well-versed in considering various angles of an issue or case to advance solid strategies for winning. She also understands the amount of work it takes to obtain a desired outcome (from the grunt work through writing high-level court submissions) while balancing the client's financial priorities.

Ms. Bey's decades of legal experience helped her cultivate a reputation for her outstanding work ethic and wealth of practical knowledge.

Ms. Bey has worked on cases with a team of one (herself) up to a team of 30 lawyers (including firm lawyers and contract attorneys) to obtain excellent outcomes for clients. She has represented a variety of clients from those who are underserved or who have limited experience with the legal system, to business- or litigation-savvy individuals, to small corporate entities, to television and movie celebrities, to large music, television, and movie studios and production companies. She has a down-to-earth approach to communicating with all clients while maintaining a high degree of competence and professionalism.

Ms. Bey performs all aspects of litigation from case intake to trial to appellate proceedings. She has a wide array of litigation experience including appearing as lead counsel for hearings and trials; interviewing fact and expert witnesses; preparing witnesses for deposition and trial testimony; taking depositions; issuing and responding to discovery; researching potential claims; presenting legal strategy recommendations to clients; counseling clients on likely outcomes; and drafting a wide variety of trial court motions and briefs and appellate briefs in state and federal courts.

Ms. Bey has the benefit of experience with both big-firm high-stakes litigation and boutique-firm specialization, both requiring the skill to navigate intricate legal theories.

Other Career Experience

Lawyer, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP
(2016-2023)

Lawyer, King Branson LLC
(2012-2016)

Paralegal, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
(1995-2012)

Honors & Awards

"Ones to Watch," Best Lawyers in America® in Family Law: Arbitration and Mediation (2024 and 2025)

Marquis Who's Who Top Lawyers (2024)

Winner of the 2011 GW Law Graduation Award for Excellence in Pre-Trial and Trial Advocacy

Professional, Business & Civic Affiliations

Board of Trustees Member, Levine Music

Representative Matters

Ms. Bey's representative litigation and arbitration matters include:

- Represents two LLC plaintiffs and an individual plaintiff in a dispute concerning ownership of the LLCs, fraudulent conveyance of ownership interest in the LLCs, and unauthorized control of the assets owned by the LLCs.
- Defended a marketing company against Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and its state analogue class action claims in the U.S. District Court of Illinois and successfully negotiated settlement and dismissal of the entire action before reaching class issues.
- Defended UK and US stock photo agencies in a California federal lawsuit involving copyright infringement claims related to images displayed on the UK agency's website. She devised strong legal arguments which supported her clients' defenses and led negotiations to a highly favorable settlement result on behalf of the clients.
- Defended a motion-picture studio, creators, writers, and actors in a California State lawsuit involving claims of copyright infringement and idea submission relating to a popular television series. She played an integral role in the team's obtaining court-ordered dismissals of the entire cases against three of five defendants and of several claims against the remaining defendants, under California's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation).
- Ms. Bey was a key member of the team that successfully obtained dismissal of a federal District of Columbia case brought by an oil and natural gas company against the Republic of India, to enforce a \$74M Indian arbitral award. The team obtained the dismissal pursuant to the New York Convention's public policy exception, creating rare precedent for a US Court's refusal to enforce an arbitral award because it violated United States' public policy interest in respecting the right of other nations to control the extraction and processing of natural resources within their own sovereign territories.

Ms. Bey's main practice has included cases involving commercial contract disputes; copyright infringement and idea theft; international investor-state arbitrations; international arbitral award enforcement proceedings; foreign judgment enforcement, attachment, and execution proceedings in US federal courts; Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) Terrorism Exception litigation; and Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) litigation.

While not a part of her primary practice areas, Ms. Bey has also litigated cases involving trade secret law, employment law (wrongful termination and Title VII discrimination claims), and breach of shareholder/investor agreements. She has also advised clients on antitrust issues and led pro bono cases involving immigration (asylum), landlord/tenant cases, and breach of student enrollment agreements.

Ms. Bey has also been a Global Arbitration Review (GAR) Contributor and Law 360 author of various published articles related to her International Disputes practice. She has also written client alerts on topics related to U.S. copyright law and U.S. law concerning suing international organizations and foreign parties.

- Ms. Bey was part of the team that successfully obtained vacatur of a US federal court (SDNY) \$71M judgment against the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos), which confirmed a Malaysian-based arbitral award. Ms. Bey provided key analyses and drafted trial court and appellate briefs related to a variety of issues, including obtaining a Rule 60(b) vacatur of judgment on NY Convention grounds; recognizing foreign judgment on grounds concerning conflicting judgments, international comity, and collateral estoppel; and defending against post-judgment discovery of a foreign sovereign's assets under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.
- Represented Laos in successfully obtaining vacatur of default judgment. issued in an SDNY action to enforce UK monetary judgment and dismissal of the case. Ms. Bey provided key analyses and drafted trial court and appellate briefs on a variety of issues, including case dismissal on grounds of insufficient service under the FSIA; vacatur of entry of default due to the foreign sovereign's immunity; and the foreign sovereign's defenses to recognition under the NY Convention and NY Civil Practice Law Rules, due to the preeminence of a Malaysian primary jurisdiction judgment setting aside the award over a UK secondary jurisdiction judgment enforcing the award.
- Represented nearly 500 clients in three litigations against two foreign countries designated on the United States State Sponsors of Terrorism list, under the terrorism exception of the FSIA, section 1605A, assisting those clients with obtaining over \$1.6B in compensatory damages.

Publications

- [The Guide to Investment Treaty Protection and Enforcement - Enforcement and Recovery: Practical Steps Global Arbitration Review](#), Second Edition, December 2023
- [GAR Investment Treaty Arbitration \(2022\) Global Arbitration Review - Investment Treaty Arbitration Know-how](#), March 2023
- [The Guide to Investment Treaty Protection and Enforcement - Enforcement and Recovery: Practical Steps Global Arbitration Review](#), First Edition, December 2021
- [GAR Investment Treaty Arbitration \(2021\) Global Arbitration Review - Investment Treaty Arbitration Know-how](#), September 2021
- [GAR Investment Treaty Arbitration \(2020\) Global Arbitration Review - Investment Treaty Arbitration Know-how](#), August 2020
- [2 Cases Show International Organizations Should Brush Up On Venue Defenses](#), May 2020