



Alexandra E. Skarka

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Alexandra Skarka handles general civil litigation, including construction defect and accident, employment, and professional liability cases. To ensure her success in defending clients involved in construction-related litigation, Alexandra completed the OSHA 10-hour Construction Safety and Health course. Alexandra has obtained favorable outcomes for her clients at all stages of litigation in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

In addition to her legal practice, Alexandra is an active leader in her office's pro bono efforts, organizing volunteer and community outreach events for all members of the Philadelphia office. Alexandra also has the honor of serving as her office's *WAVE* (Women Attorneys Valued & Empowered) representative, holding meetings and events to support and foster the professional growth of women attorneys at the firm. Committed to advocating for diversity in the legal profession, Alexandra serves as the cochair of Wilson Elser's LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group.

Construction / Construction Defect

Alexandra brings a robust background in defending construction defect claims to her practice. She has successfully defended contractors, construction managers, and project owners in disputes related to multi-party high-exposure construction defect claims. OSHA-10 certified, Alexandra brings an added layer of practical safety and industry insight to her defense strategy, allowing her to communicate effectively with clients, experts, and opposing counsel throughout all stages of litigation.

Real Estate / Property Management

Alexandra has a breadth of real estate E&O defense experience, managing and resolving claims on behalf of large national property management and brokerage firms and litigating disputes throughout the United States on behalf of real estate brokers, appraisers, title abstractors, home inspectors, insurance brokers, managing agents, and broker-dealers. In

Services

- Construction
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Employment & Labor
- Specialty Professional Risks
- Professional Liability & Services
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

addition to efficiently managing claims, she assists the firm's real estate professionals in a number of areas, including licensing and regulatory matters; navigating complex contractual issues, leases, and agency agreements; performing due diligence related to acquisitions; and helping to ensure fair housing and other applicable statutory and/or local code and regulatory compliance. Alexandra's experience in the insurance and real estate industries results in spot-on analysis of liability and exposure and effective resolution strategies.

Design Professionals

Alexandra defends architects, engineers, construction managers, design-builders, and surveyors in complex litigation involving allegations of design errors, construction defects, and professional negligence. She provides strategic counsel throughout all phases of a claim, from pre-suit risk assessment to active litigation, and prioritizes protecting her clients' reputations and minimizing exposure in all matters.

Employment & Labor

Drawing on her early experience defending wage-and-hour claims before the National Labor Relations Board, Alexandra brings a well-rounded perspective to employer-side defense. She regularly defends employers in matters involving wrongful termination, discrimination, workplace accidents, and other employment-related disputes. With a focus on proactive compliance and a strong defense strategy, Alexandra helps employers navigate sensitive workplace issues, minimize exposure to potential claims, and obtain advantageous results in state and federal courts, as well as before administrative agencies.

Education

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - Villanova Law Review, Associate Editor
 - Dorothy Day Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pro Bono Work
- Mount Holyoke College (B.A., *cum laude*, 2012)
 - High Honors in International Relations

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

- Crisis Text Line, Legal Advisory Board
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Defense Counsel
- Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), volunteer
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- National LGBTQ+ Bar Association

Languages

- German

Publications

Q2 2025

Cutting Deep: How Design Professionals Can Combat Widespread Federal Budget Cuts

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