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Practice Focus

Litigation;
Products Liability;
White Collar Crime;
Intellectual Property;
Environmental, Health
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Education

Georgetown University,
J.D., *magna cum
laude*, 1985, articles
editor, *The
Georgetown Law
Journal*

Harvard University,
B.A., *magna cum
laude*, Phi Beta Kappa,
1980

Admissions

Ohio;
District of Columbia;
United States Courts of
Appeals for the
Second, Sixth and
District of Columbia
Circuits;
United States District
Courts, Northern
District of Ohio and
District of Columbia

Charna E. Sherman focuses her practice on litigation matters. She represents numerous corporate and individual clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of cases in federal and state courts including complex commercial and other civil litigation, as well as white collar criminal defense. Ms. Sherman is a co-chair of the firm's white collar defense practice.

In 2007 Ms. Sherman was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a distinction which recognizes outstanding dedication to the community, and maintenance and advancement of the objectives of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Ms. Sherman serves on the ABA Section of Litigation Leadership as co-chair of its Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force. She was just selected as one of the managing directors of the section by the 2010 chair-elect. She previously served as the co-director of the Division on Task Forces. In 2004 Ms. Sherman was also honored with the Section's Award of Excellence as co-chair of its Task Force on Mediation Ethics and their success in shepherding the adoption for the first time by the ABA House of Delegates of national Standards on Mediation Ethics.

Ms. Sherman also has a distinguished record on involvement in the profession concerning issues of diversity and the advancement of women. Since her appointment by the president of the ABA in 2006, she has served on its select 12-member Commission on Women in the Profession. She is on the Steering Committee of the ABA's newest women's initiative, DirectWomen, to diversify Fortune 1000 boards. Ms. Sherman also serves on the National Association of Women Lawyers' select Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees. Ms. Sherman was recently appointed by the president of the Ohio State Bar Association to a new select committee to study and update their 1995 Joint Report with the Ohio Supreme Court of the Ohio Joint Task Force on Gender Fairness. In addition, she is a member of the Advisory Board of the first-ever Women's Power Summit on Law and Leadership at the University of Texas School of law. In 2002 and 2003 as co-chair of the ABA's Section of

Litigation Woman Advocate Committee, she also spearheaded groundbreaking national Summits on Women in the Law.

In 2009, US Senator Sherrod Brown appointed Ms. Sherman to serve on the Judicial Selection Committee for the Northern District of Ohio. She was also appointed by the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio to several Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panels convened in the Northern District. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable John H. Pratt of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Before law school, she was a legislative assistant to US Senator Daniel P. Moynihan.

Representative Experience

- Representing a brokerage firm in what has been reputed to be the largest fraud case in US history involving an individual broker.
- Serving as national coordination counsel and Ohio trial counsel in multidistrict pharmaceutical, breast implant and welding rod litigation on behalf of a Fortune 500 company.
- Defending one of the world's largest integrated oil companies and a leading fast food competitor in multimillion-dollar Lanham Act unfair advertising cases.
- Serving as Ohio counsel for one of the nation's leading insurance companies in major antitrust litigation by the State of Ohio.
- Defending one of the first September 11th contingent business interruption coverage cases on behalf of an international insurance company.