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Diana Manning is Bressler's Managing Principal. Diana has over two decades of experience in complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Diana is a Principal in Bressler's New Jersey office, is Chair of the firm's Business and Commercial Litigation practice group, and spearheads the firm's Appellate practice team. Diana has developed a successful track record of trial verdicts and settlements, especially in complex matters. She also has a reputation as a strategic, thoughtful, and fearless advocate for all of her clients.

A distinguished trial lawyer, Diana is Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. She is also an accomplished appellate lawyer who has participated in six matters before the New Jersey Supreme Court, including arguing four times. Diana is an avid presenter and author on business litigation, legal ethics, and professional liability. She is the author of the New Jersey Chapter of *The Law of Lawyer's Liability: Fifty-State Survey of Legal Malpractice*, ABA/First Chair Press, which provides an overview of the laws governing attorney malpractice in each state.

To date, Diana's distinguished career has brought her offices and honors from many professional and legal industry organizations. Diana served on the District XA Ethics Committee for 10 years and was appointed Chair by the New Jersey Supreme Court from 2017-2019. She is also President of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, and is a Past President of Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, the Morris County Bar Association, and the Morris County Bar Foundation.

Experience

- *Meisels v. Fox Rothschild LLP*, 240 N.J. 286 (2020)
- *Dimitrakopoulos v. Borrus, Goldin, Foley, Vignuolo, Hyman and Stahl, P.C.*, 237 N.J. 91 (2019)

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Business & Commercial Litigation
Class Action and Multi-District Litigation
Class Action and Multi-District Litigation
COVID-19 Task Force
Insurance Coverage Disputes & Bad Faith Claims
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

- Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, J.D., 1993
- Rutgers College, Rutgers University, B.A., 1990

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
New York
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

- *Francesse v. Am. Modern Ins. Grp., Inc.*, 383 F. Supp. 3d 336 (D.N.J. 2019)
- *Dimitrakopoulos v. Borrus, Goldin, Foley, Vignuolo, Hyman and Stahl, C.*, 237 N.J. 91 (2019), wherein the New Jersey Supreme Court held that the entire controversy doctrine bars a legal malpractice claim asserted by a former client who has failed to assert the claim in a previous fee collection action brought by the client's attorney, provided the client had a fair and reasonable opportunity to assert the claim in the collection action.
- *In re Accutane Litigation*, 234 N.J. 340 (2018), the seminal case on admissibility of expert scientific testimony in which the New Jersey Supreme Court adopted consideration of the federal *Daubert* standards, and emphasized a trial court's proper "gatekeeping" role in seeking to disallow generally unreliable, unsound, and unaccepted expert testimony from reaching a jury.
- *Motorworld, Inc. v. Benkendorf*, 228 N.J. 311 (2017), which dealt with novel issues of interpretation related to New Jersey's Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act.
- *Guido v. Duane Morris, LLP*, 202 N.J. 79 (2010), a landmark case that involved the impact of a settlement on a legal malpractice claim. *Kranz v. Tiger*, 390 N.J. Super. 135 (App. Div.), *den.*, 192 N.J. 294 (2007)
- *Stoekel v. Twp. of Knowlton*, 387 N.J. Super. 1 (App. Div.), *den.*, 188 N.J. 489 (2006)
- *Jerista v. Murray*, 185 N.J. 175 (2005)
- *Grzanka v. Pfeifer*, 301 N.J. Super. 563 (App. Div. 1997), *den.*, 154 NJ 607 (1998)

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

News & Alerts

Bressler, Amery & Ross Managing Principal Diana Manning Sworn in as Secretary of New Jersey State Bar Association
Firm News, 05.24.2023

Bressler Achieves Midsize Mansfield Certification, Demonstrating the Firm's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Firm News, 05.23.2023

Bressler Principal Emily Bordens Presented with Rachel Coalition Pro Bono Attorney Award
Firm News, 05.15.2023

10 Bressler Attorneys Selected to the 2023 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, 05.12.2023

Bressler Principal Louis Mendez Honored with First Annual Southeastern Legal “On the Rise” Award
Firm News, 05.02.2023

Bressler Firm Managing Principal Diana Manning Honored with 2023 Corporate Leader Award from Arthritis Foundation
Firm News, 04.27.2023

Bressler Recognized as a Leader in Client Service in the BTI Consulting’s Client Service A-Team 2023
Firm News, 04.12.2023

Bressler’s Diana C. Manning Honored in ROI-NJ’s Influencers Power List 2023
Firm News, 02.17.2023

Bressler, Amery & Ross Expands with Eight Attorneys and Three Senior Industry Professionals
Firm News, 01.23.2023

Akum K. Singh Elected to the Executive Board of the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey
Firm News, 01.18.2023

Bressler, Amery & Ross Promotes Four Attorneys to Principal and Counsel
Firm News, 01.10.2023

Bressler’s Managing Principal Diana Manning Honored by Trial Attorneys of New Jersey with Trial Bar Award
Firm News, 10.20.2022

50 Bressler Attorneys Recognized By Best Lawyers in America 2023, Including 1 “Lawyer of the Year” and 17 “Ones to Watch”
Firm News, 08.18.2022

Bressler’s Diana C. Manning and Cynthia J. Borrelli Included in ROI-NJ’s Inaugural ROI Influencers in Law List
Firm News, 08.18.2022

Bressler Managing Principal Diana Manning Selected to NJBIZ 2022 Power 50 in Law for the Second Year in a Row
Firm News, *NJBIZ*, 07.25.2022

Bressler, Amery & Ross Welcomes 2022 Summer Law Clerks and DEI Interns
Firm News, 06.17.2022

Speaking Engagements & Events

Bressler Attorneys to Speak at the 2023 NJSBA Annual Meeting and Convention Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, 05.17.2023 – 5.19.23

Diana Manning to Speak at the NJSBA Spring Conference: A Special One Day Virtual Event Seminar, 03.27.2023

Diana Manning to Speak at NJICLE Seminar Seminar, 03.24.2023

Diana Manning to speak at NJSBA Women's Leadership Conference Event, 02.20.2023

Diana Manning Interviewed on Emerging Litigation Podcast Podcast, 01.10.2023

2022 Update for Insurance Defense Counsel Seminar, 11.22.2022

Diana Manning Interviewed on ELP Podcast - Courts and Lawyers Under Pressure Podcast, 10.03.2022

Diana Manning Interviewed by Law360 on New Associates Event, 09.22.2022

Diana Manning to Speak on NJWLA Panel on Client Origination and Matter Management Seminar, 06.23.2022

Diana Manning to Speak on ALM Webinar on Associate Retention Speaking Engagement, 06.22.2022

Articles & Publications

Enforceability of Arbitration Provisions in Commercial Agreements Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 04.21.2023

Effective, Efficient Billing Practices for Both the Seasoned Practitioner and New Attorneys Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 02.23.2023

Serving 2 Masters? Conflicts of Interest in the Representation of Closely Held Entities Publication, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 01.30.2023

Colleagues Remember A Founder Of Bressler, Amery & Ross Article, *Law 360*, 12.21.2022

Practical Law Commercial Litigation Q&A - Breach of Contract Defenses: New Jersey Publication, *Thomson Reuters*, 11.07.2022

Practical Law Commercial Litigation Q&A - Quasi-Contract Claims: Pennsylvania Publication, *Thomson Reuters*, 07.22.2022

Practical Law Commercial Litigation Q&A - Equitable Remedies for Contract Actions: Pennsylvania
Publication, *Thomson Reuters*, 07.22.2022

Practical Law Commercial Litigation Q&A - Breach of Contract Defenses: Pennsylvania
Publication, *Thomson Reuters*, 07.20.2022

Mid-Year Ethics Tips: A Toolkit for Practitioners
The Legal Intelligencer, 06.13.2022

Practical Law Commercial Litigation Q&A - Tortious Interference: Pennsylvania
Publication, *Thomson Reuters*, 06.01.2022

Civic Involvement

- Board of Trustees, CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties, Inc.
- Board Member, Morris County Bar Foundation
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Professional Affiliations

- Civil Trial Attorney - Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey (March 2011 - present)
- Secretary, New Jersey State Bar Association
- President - New Jersey Women Lawyers Association
- Board Member - Law360 New Jersey Editorial Advisory Board (2022-2023)
- Past President - Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
- Past President - Morris County Bar Association
- Past President - Morris County Bar Foundation
- Member - Essex County Bar Association
- Member - American Bar Association
- Member - Defense Research Institute
- Member - Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Member - New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts (2008-2010)
- Member- The Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey
- Chair - Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association
- Member - Appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct
- Trustee - New Jersey State Bar Foundation
- Vice Chair - NJSBA Civil Trial Bar Section

Awards & Honors

- Selected to the list of *Martindale-Hubbell AV*[®] Preeminent Lawyers
- Included in the list of *Martindale-Hubbell's* "Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers," 2012-2013

These awards are conferred by Martindale-Hubbell. A description of the selection methodology is available [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey

- Included in the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*[®], 2015-2023
- Received the *Best Lawyers*[™] 2020 Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" award in Newark, 2020

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- Selected to the list of the *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2009-2023

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- Selected to the list of *Super Lawyers*, "Top 100 Lawyers in New Jersey," 2018-2023

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- Selected to the list of *Super Lawyers*, "Top 50 Women Lawyers in New Jersey," 2013, 2017-2023

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- Recognized on the *Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" List, 2006-2007

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Power 50 in Law List, 2021-2022

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Leaders in Law Honoree List, 2021

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Best 50 Women in Business Honoree List, 2021

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- Recognized in the *NJBIZ* Vanguard Series: "Leaders in Law," 2018

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- Recognized in the ROI-NJ Influencers in Law Inaugural Power List, 2022

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- Recognized in the ROI-NJ Influencers in Law Power List, 2023

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- Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney
- Elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. The ABF Fellowship comprises a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and to the welfare of their communities. Membership in the Fellows is limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.
- Received the Civil Practice Achievement Award presented by the Essex County Bar Association, 2022
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, 2021
- Selected to receive the Civil Practice Award presented by the Morris County Bar Association, 2021
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, 2017
- Received the "Professional Lawyer of the Year" Award presented by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law as a representative of the Morris County Bar Association, 2017