

## Lawyers



### Jessica Klein

Special Counsel - Pro Bono

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#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

**Litigation**

**Pro Bono**

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#### EDUCATION

**2003, New York University  
School of Law, J.D.**

**2000, Brown University, A.B.**

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#### BAR ADMISSIONS

**New York**

Jessica Klein is the Firm's Head of Pro Bono Practice and has led the Firm's pro bono program since August 2011. In addition to overseeing the Firm's broad array of pro bono matters and initiatives, Ms. Klein maintains an active docket of cases in many areas of public interest law, including asylum, domestic violence, education law and civil rights. Ms. Klein is active in the Firm's efforts to expand access to justice and serves as Counsel to The New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice.

Prior to leading the Firm's pro bono program, Ms. Klein's practice at the Firm focused on commercial litigation, including securities, employment, banking and contract disputes. Ms. Klein has represented Anheuser-Busch InBev, Barclays, Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Philips, The Clearing House Association L.L.C. and Vornado Realty Trust, among others, in complex litigation and arbitration matters. She has also represented the New York City Council in an investigation of the funding of nonprofit organizations.

Ms. Klein is a member of the Firm's litigation group.

#### **Professional Activities and Community Involvement**

- Chair, Board of Directors, Immigration Equality
- Counsel, The New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice
- Co-chair, The New York City Bar Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee
- Member, The Federal Bar Council, Public Service Committee
- Member, The Association of Pro Bono Counsel

#### **Speaking Engagements**

- Moderated a panel titled, "After *Obergefell*, What's Next?" at the Pro Bono Institute's Annual Conference. (March 24, 2016)
- Presented on a panel titled, "I Need a Hero: Exploring Public Interest, Pro Bono and Service Careers" at NYU Law School as part of the Ms. JD Annual Conference on Women in the Law. (February 9, 2016)

- Presented on a panel titled, “Overcoming Challenges for Immigrants in Policy and Practice,” organized by the New York Women’s Bar Association. (April 8, 2014)
- Presented on a panel titled, “The Next Pro Bono Frontier: Law Students and Interns,” at the Pro Bono Institute’s Annual Conference. (March 6, 2014)
- Presented on a panel titled, “Reflecting on the Glass Ceiling: A Panel Perspective on Women in Private Practice,” at NYU Law School and organized by New York University Law Women. (March 6, 2012 )

#### **RANKINGS & RECOGNITION**

- Recipient of 2019 Champion of Justice Award from Brooklyn Bar Association.
- Ms. Klein and S&C receive Safe Haven Award from Immigration Equality. (2018)
- Recipient of Sanctuary for Families’ Above and Beyond Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy. (2013)
- Recipient of The Legal Aid Society’s Pro Bono Publico Award. (2013)