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Areas of Work
Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration, Professional Liability, Judgment Enforcement & Asset Recovery

Overview
Molly Bruder Fox focuses on complex commercial litigation and judgment enforcement. Molly regularly advises major international corporations and law firms in business disputes including breach of contract, bankruptcy, and professional liability. She is experienced with all stages of litigation, including fact and expert discovery, taking and defending depositions, pre-trial briefing, trial work, and post-trial briefing. For the past three years, Super Lawyers named her a “Rising Star” in the Business Litigation category.

Molly also concentrates on representing companies before arbitration tribunals, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), American Arbitration Association (AAA), and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). She has arbitrated disputes in a variety of areas, including the financial, telecommunications, and oil and gas industries.

Molly also advises clients regarding strategies for taking advantage of available legal protections when conducting business with foreign sovereigns and their agencies. She has experience obtaining provisional remedies in aid of arbitration and in the course of post-judgment enforcement, as well as seeking judicial recognition and enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards in courts in the US and around the world.

She is active in pro bono matters, specifically gender discrimination and housing discrimination claims, and also serves on Steptoe’s Professional Training Committee, actively leading litigation skills trainings.
Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- California
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- US District Court, District of Columbia
- US District Court, District of Maryland

Clerkships

- Hon. Roger L. Wollman, US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2009-2010

Education

- J.D., American University, Washington College of Law, 2009, summa cum laude; Order of the Coif, Associate Symposium Editor, American University Law Review
- B.A., Carleton College, 2003, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Political Science

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Energy Litigation

Representative Matters

Representing Credit Suisse in an adversary proceeding in bankruptcy court for the District of Maryland. TMST, the debtor, is seeking to clawback hundreds of millions of dollars paid to Credit Suisse and five other Wall Street banks. TMST was one of the leading public companies to securitize mortgage backed securities (MBS) and financed its purchases via repurchase agreements. When the financial crisis of 2008 occurred, the value of the MBS depreciated resulting in margin calls and liquidation of collateral. The claims against Credit Suisse are $295 million and Credit Suisse’s proof of claim is $891 million.

Represented of US Airways, Inc. in its efforts to recover corporate cash funds that its brokers Lehman Brothers, Inc. (LBI) and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. invested in Auction Rate Securities (ARS), products that were unsuitable for US Airways’ investment goals and risk profile. Steptoe’s team earned US Airways FINRA awards of $15 million and $30 million, one of the largest ARS awards for damages to date.

Represented a financial services company in a class action lawsuit related to unclaimed property which resulted in a creative settlement.

Represented significant international law firm in alleged legal malpractice matters.

Represented of an investor with respect to an investment dispute arising from Montenegro’s failure to extend the exploration period under an oil and gas exploration agreement. This allegedly breached a bilateral investment treaty’s provisions concerning expropriation, full protection and security, most favored nation status, and fair and equitable treatment.

Converted ExxonMobil’s multibillion-dollar award from the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) into a judgement in the US District of Columbia.
(ICSID) as against Venezuela into a judgment in an ex parte proceeding in the Southern District of New York.

News & Publications

CLIENT ALERTS

**Holding a Sovereign in Contempt**
First Tuesday Update
December 1, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

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**GOTV: This First Tuesday is Election Day**
First Tuesday Update
November 3, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

PUBLICATIONS

**Asset Tracing and Recovery: United States**
*The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review* (EIGHTH EDITION)
2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

CLIENT ALERTS

**Cryptocurrencies & Judgment Enforcement**
First Tuesday Update
October 6, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox, Ivan Gordienko, Sara Faber, Alex Green

CLIENT ALERTS

**Witnesses During COVID Times: Remote Depositions, Virtual Testimony, and Unavailability**
First Tuesday Update
September 1, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

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**COVID-19 and Sovereign Immunity**
First Tuesday Update
August 4, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox, Michael G. Scavelli

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**Litigation Funding Update – Abolishing Common Law Champerty**
First Tuesday Update
July 7, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox, Chris Paparella, Sara Faber

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**Supreme Court Update: Denies Cert in Crystallex v. Venezuela; Compels Non-Sigs in a NY Convention Case**
First Tuesday Update
June 2, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox, Claire Schachter
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Enforcing Judgments During COVID-19 Times
First Tuesday Update
May 5, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

CLIENT ALERTS

Practical Responses to COVID-19: Courts, Arbitrations, and Depositions
First Tuesday Update
April 7, 2020
By: Steven K. Davidson, Michael J. Baratz, Jared R. Butcher, Molly Bruder Fox

Noteworthy

- *Legal 500 US*, Dispute Resolution: General Commercial Disputes (2019)

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