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Profile Introduction

Selby is a highly effective commercial trial and appellate lawyer, who is laser focused on understanding and advocating for her clients. Adept at handling bet-the-company cases, she focuses her practice on contract disputes, including those involving real estate, non-disclosure, financial, arbitration, purchase-and-sale, and services agreements. She has helped companies and high-net-worth individuals protect their interests in the technology, real estate, and financial sectors.

Having started her legal career by clerking for federal judges at both the trial and appellate levels, Selby is highly skilled at maneuvering through procedural rules and quickly grasping her clients' novel problems. In her private practice, she has developed a particularly strong record in cases with statutory and international components. She has repeatedly navigated the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act (FSIA) and is adept at counseling clients through the procedural implications of multinational disputes, including those involving sovereigns and their instrumentalities.

Selby is more than an accomplished litigator. She also provides strategic risk-management and litigation-prevention counsel to help clients see around corners and make effective decisions that achieve business objectives. At every step, Selby's goal is clear and straightforward: to help clients resolve disputes quickly, cost-effectively, and on their own terms.

Selby is passionate about legal practice. She graduated first in her class from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, and she writes and speaks frequently on domestic and foreign legal and



business issues, including intellectual property prosecution, alien tort statutes, administration and management of civil litigation, and cross-border discovery. In her pro bono practice, she has represented clients in matters involving voting rights, immigration rights, and prisoners' civil rights.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Co-author, "Petition to Confirm an Arbitration Award in Pennsylvania State Court," *Practical Law*, August 28, 2019
- Co-author, "Global Principles of Compensatory Damages," *The Global Damages Review (The Law Reviews)*, January 11, 2019
- Co-author, "Cross-Border Discovery Disputes/Microsoft Case," The 8th Annual Sedona Conference, International Programme on Cross-Border Discovery & Data Protection Laws, June 7, 2016
- Moderator, Supreme Court Roundup, Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA, July 24, 2019
- Presenter, Avoiding Criminal and Civil Liability for Hiring Practices: Top 10 Tips for Employers in 2018, New York, NY, July 10, 2018
- Presenter, 2017 Philadelphia Fall Labor and Employment Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, October 10, 2017

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association, Appointee to the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 National Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion, Membership Subcommittee Leader
- Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Secretary (2018–2021)
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Board Observer's Program 2018, Women's Law Project

Community Service

- Philadelphia Theatre Company, Young Friends Committee Inaugural Member (2018–2021)

Education

- University of Oklahoma College of Law
JD, first in class, *highest honors*, 2014
Editor-in-Chief, *Oklahoma Law Review*; ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, New York Regional Champion, First Place Regional Brief Award, and National Qualifier; Fellers Snider Diversity & Inclusion Scholar; Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding 3L; Professional Responsibility Award (3L student vote); Joel Jankowsky Award (faculty vote for outstanding graduate); Nathan Scarritt Prize (graduate with the highest academic record); 11 American Jurisprudence Awards for the highest grade in a class; numerous additional awards for subject matter proficiency, including employment law, securities and civil procedure; Federal Bar Association Holloway Scholarship
- Vassar College
BA, History, German Studies minor, 2009



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Co-Ed A Cappella Group, President, Treasurer; study away at the Eugene O'Neill National Theater Institute (Waterford, CT) and the University of Mu?nster (Mu?nster, Germany)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Washington

Clerkships

- Honorable Michael M. Baylson, US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Honorable Robert E. Bacharach, US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit