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University of Georgia
School of Law, J.D., 2012,
magna cum laude

- Order of the Coif
- Executive Articles Editor, *Georgia Law Review*
- Winner, Best Note Competition
- Outstanding Moot Court Advocate

South Carolina Honors
College, University of South
Carolina, BARSC, 2008,
summa cum laude

- Phi Beta Kappa
- McNair Scholar

Previous Experience

Law Clerk, Chief Judge W.
Keith Watkins, U.S. District
Court for the Middle District
of Alabama, 2012-2013

Law Clerk, Senior Judge
Joel F. Dubina, U.S. Court
of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit, 2013-2014

Amanda Kay Seals, Associate

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Amanda Kay Seals is a lawyer who represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex trial and appellate litigation. Though Amanda Kay has substantial business litigation experience, she devotes much of her practice to consumer and business tort cases at both the trial and appellate level, including fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and business and personal injury.

Outside the office, Amanda Kay serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Georgia School of Law, where she teaches a course on sexual orientation and gender identity law.

Prior to joining the firm, Amanda Kay served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joel F. Dubina, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and Chief Judge W. Keith Watkins, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

Amanda Kay received her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, from which she received the school's inaugural Young Alumni of Excellence Award in 2017. Amanda Kay also holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree from South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina.

Representative Work

- Currently representing sex trafficking victims against hotels that facilitated and participated in their trafficking.
- Currently representing liquidators of entities looted by a years-long, multi-jurisdiction Ponzi scheme in claims against an international bank the liquidators allege substantially assisted in the scheme.
- Part of a team who guided Equifax investors to a \$149 million cash settlement related to the 2017 data breach.
- Part of a team who guided investors to a \$50 million cash settlement of allegations that the investors purchased stock at prices artificially inflated by defendant's misrepresentations about the source of its revenue.
- Part of trial team that won \$54 million verdicts over two related trials. Amanda Kay argued nearly every evidentiary objection in both trials and handled arguments regarding jury strikes, jury charges, and a mistrial motion.
- Part of appellate team whose Georgia Supreme Court argument preserved \$40 million verdict in products liability case.
- Successfully defended a \$500 million RICO case filed against twenty corporate defendants, alleging conspiracy spanning four continents and four decades. Not only did Amanda Kay and a team of Bondurant lawyers persuade the trial court to dismiss the case, they also successfully defended that dismissal on appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
- Successfully defended a private corporation and its outside counsel in a series of related malicious prosecution suits filed in both state and federal court alleging RICO claims, conspiracy, and violations of plaintiffs' constitutional rights. Amanda Kay assumed responsibility for arguments regarding the retroactive application of amendments to Georgia's RICO statute. Ultimately, the Georgia Court of Appeals adopted the Bondurant team's reasoning, and all cases were resolved at the motion to dismiss stage without any discovery having been taken.

Admissions

State Bar of Georgia
Supreme Court of Georgia
Georgia Court of Appeals
U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Georgia
U.S. District Court for the
Middle District of Georgia
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of Georgia

- Regularly represents a Fortune 50 retailer in business tort, breach of contract, and intellectual property disputes involving the company's relationships with vendors and suppliers.
- Successfully argued on behalf of the former North American General Manager of a leading European medical products distributor to send employment-related dispute to arbitration. The Company brought suit against Amanda Kay's client and opposed efforts to arbitrate the Company's claims and Manager's counterclaims, but Amanda Kay persuaded the court that arbitration clause in employment agreement covered these disputes. Amanda Kay then handled settlement negotiations from start to finish, reaching a favorable resolution for her client.
- Represented fourteen county governments in multimillion-dollar RICO claim against data company that harvested images of county land records without paying per-page fee. Amanda Kay managed electronic discovery process on behalf of the counties, drafted an ultimately successful brief opposing severance of the counties' claims, and authored the mediation strategy that led to the suit's favorable resolution.

REPRESENTATIVE PRO BONO WORK

- Represents a certified class of juvenile pretrial detainees entitled to special education services who have been denied those services during detention. In addition to certifying the class, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia granted summary judgment in favor of the class.
- Represented Georgia Equality as amicus curiae before the United States Supreme Court in *Bostock* and the related landmark Title VII sexual orientation and gender discrimination cases.
- Won reversal of motion to dismiss in Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of Georgia inmate in an Eighth Amendment failure to protect claim after the inmate was beaten and stabbed by fellow prisoners following repeated threats and prison's refusal to transfer the attacked inmate to different dormitory.
- Negotiated favorable settlement for a Fulton County Jail detainee in an excessive force suit against jailers.
- Regularly represents transgender Georgians in efforts to secure conforming identity documents and connects dozens of others with volunteer lawyers to do the same.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Barrister, Bleckley Inn of Court, 2019–
Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition Chair, 2018–19
Eleventh Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee, 2018
Barrister, Lumpkin Inn of Court, 2017–19
Leadership Academy, State Bar of Georgia, 2018
LEAD Atlanta Class of 2017

PUBLICATIONS

"Posthumous Organ Donation as Prisoner Agency and Rehabilitation," *DePaul Law Review*, Volume 65, Spring 2016, co-authored with Prof. Lisa Milot, University of Georgia School of Law