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Gabrielle E. Szlachta-McGinn is an associate in Newmeyer Dillion's Newport Beach office, where she focuses her practice on complex civil litigation. Gabrielle is an accomplished litigator and trial lawyer who has guided clients to victories in high-profile, high-stakes matters. Her adept skills—during and after trial, in discovery, and before litigation—have yielded success on complex cases at all levels. When litigation is unavoidable, Gabrielle has a proven track record of success. She has secured high-profile victories in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and agency proceedings.

Gabrielle is a versatile attorney, with substantial experience representing companies and individuals in business disputes involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, business torts, consumer liability, and antitrust cases involving alleged violations of state unfair competition laws. Gabrielle also has experience with environmental matters related to hazardous waste and alleged groundwater contamination, and she is often tapped for bet-the-company litigations, in which she appreciates the challenge of shaping underdeveloped areas of the law.

Gabrielle has extensive experience in pre-trial preparation, including drafting and responding to discovery requests, developing strategic defenses to plaintiffs' likely themes in litigation, preparing expert and corporate witnesses for deposition and trial, strategizing and drafting briefing for multiple nationwide multi-district litigations, taking and defending depositions, and drafting dispositive and evidentiary motions.

Gabrielle is a skillful communicator, and she is known for her detailed and analytical approach to her clients' legal issues. Gabrielle strives to provide a positive legal experience with favorable results and analyzes each case with great care. Gabrielle's experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in all civil litigation matters provides her with unique perspective and insight, and clients appreciate Gabrielle's personalized service keeping them informed at every turn and providing honest feedback.

While in law school, Gabrielle served as Chief Editor of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Project for the *Loyola Law School International and Comparative Law Review*. She also served as President of the Graduate Students of Loyola Marymount University, the official graduate student governance organization at LMU, and served as a Student Ambassador for the law school. Gabrielle earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Legal Studies with honors at the University of Pittsburgh. Before completing her undergraduate studies,

Gabrielle served as a public policy intern for Senator Robert P. Casey Jr., where she developed a comprehensive understanding of government legislation and policy process.

Beyond the Office

Away from the office, Gabrielle is an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan, and prior to starting her professional legal career, Gabrielle spent summers working as an Ocean Rescue Lifeguard on the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol in Wildwood Crest, NJ, where she also earned a spot as a competitor on the beach patrol's competition team.

Services

- Business Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Environmental
- Insurance Policy Review & Placement
- Real Estate Litigation
- Risk Avoidance, Transfer & Management

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers

Charitable & Civic Involvement

Gabrielle has spent time working with nonprofits, such as the Levitt Quinn Family Law Center, where she provided pro bono legal advice to veterans with regard to family law disputes, and the Los Angeles Mission, where she volunteers her time giving back to the community.

Admissions

- California, 2021
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Education

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles(J.D., 2021)
 - Chief Editor of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Project, Loyola Law School International and Comparative Law Review, Volume 45
 - President, Graduate Students of Loyola Marymount University
 - Mentor, Young Lawyers Program
- University of Pittsburgh(cum laude, B.A., 2013)
 - Political Science
 - Minor in Legal Studies
 - University of Pittsburgh Crew Team

Publications

Published Article

Utah Becomes Fourth State to Enact Comprehensive Data Privacy Legislation

Published Article

Construction Manager's Win in Michigan after Michigan Supreme Court Finds a Subcontractor's Unintended Faulty Work is an 'Occurrence' Under CGL