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Sara Dorland focuses her practice on general business litigation and the resolution of complex business disputes. She frequently serves as a member of the litigation team in complex commercial disputes and has experience with all aspects of the litigation process, having represented clients in matters involving commercial contracts, commercial real estate, financial services, and employer restrictive covenants.

Sara also frequently represents broker-dealers in arbitrations before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) in cases involving compliance with industry regulations, regulatory disclosures, licensing and registration, defamation, and expungement. Sara represents employers in wrongful termination actions involving former employees as well as in actions to enforce restrictive covenants.

Sara manages all stages of litigation including researching and drafting initial pleadings, dispositive motions, memoranda in support, and other documents in federal and state court, responding and preparing discovery requests, and conducting depositions. She frequently serves as first and second chair trial and arbitration counsel.

Sara graduated *cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she served as the executive notes editor for the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*.

Education

- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., *cum laude*, 2013)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2016)

Admissions

- Ohio
- United States District Court - Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court - Central District of Illinois

Services & Industries

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation & Disputes
- Financial Services Litigation & Counseling
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Professional Affiliations

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Inns of Court, William K. Thomas Chapter

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®*, Commercial Litigation, 2024–2026
- *Ohio Super Lawyers®* Rising Stars, 2020–2026

Community Involvement

- Young Professionals Board Member, Fostering Hope

Experience

- Frequently serves as first and second chair arbitration counsel in defense of broker-dealers in employment, defamation, and expungement actions.
- Served as second chair trial counsel in successful defense of global commercial real estate firm in breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty action.
- Served as part of a trial team that successfully tried a case involving the purchase of commercial real estate.
- Served as part of a litigation team that successfully settled a dispute involving land acquisition and the assignment of oil and gas rights.
- Served as part of a litigation team that reached a favorable settlement in an employment dispute involving the misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Served as part of a litigation team that reached a favorable settlement in an employment dispute involving a non-competition and non-solicitation agreement.
- Served as part of a litigation team that reached a favorable settlement for a horsemen's group in a complex commercial contract dispute involving various contract claims.