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EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, J.D., 2017, *magna cum laude*, Editor, *Vermont Law Review*

Hunter College Graduate School of Education, M.A., 2013, Anthropology

Fordham University, B.A., 2010, Anthropology

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to the Hon. Morton I. Greenberg, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Law Clerk to the Hon. Michael A. Shipp, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard S. Hoffman, New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division

Legal Intern, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, Office of Regional Counsel, New York Superfund Branch

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sills Cummis & Gross, P.C. Litigation Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New Jersey
New York

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won an appeal in the 10th Circuit for two mortgage brokers in a noncompete case against a leading financial institution, affirming a district court's prior denial of preliminary injunction.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in multidistrict litigation involving allegedly adulterated drugs, resulting in stipulated dismissal.
- Representing a healthcare organization against negligence claims and a mass tort involving medical devices.
- Drafted and won a motion to compel arbitration in a breach of contract matter.
- Assisted a medical marijuana alternative treatment center to defend against orders to show cause related to its agricultural operations.
- Represented a financial technology company during a contract dispute.
- Represented a medical device manufacturer in a personal injury matter.

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Consumer Products & Services
- Cannabis

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Class Actions
- Mass Torts
- Appellate
- Intellectual Property

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BIOGRAPHY

Natalie Colao represents clients in complex civil litigation. She has gained valuable experience in the pharmaceutical, medical device, health and wellness, and cannabis industries.

Prior to joining WTO, Natalie worked as a litigation associate in a full service law firm in New Jersey. While there, she drafted motions and pleadings and served as the primary attorney handling discovery in multiple cases.

Natalie has also served federal clerkships in the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, as well as a state clerkship in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. While in law school, Natalie held a legal internship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CASES

- Won an appeal in the 10th Circuit for two mortgage brokers in a noncompete case against a leading financial institution, affirming a district court's prior denial of preliminary injunction. The plaintiffs had alleged that their former employees—WTO's clients—had breached noncompete and trade secret agreements when they left the company.
- Representing a healthcare organization against negligence claims and a mass tort involving medical devices.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in multidistrict litigation involving allegedly adulterated drugs, resulting in stipulated dismissal.
- Represented an international wellness company in a product liability matter.
- Represented a medical device manufacturer in a personal injury matter.
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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

New Jersey

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. District Court, D. Colorado

U.S. District Court, D. New Jersey

U.S. District Court, S.D. New York

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LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Colorado Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Food & Agriculture Alumni Mentor, Fordham University

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- "Appellate Division Develops Factors Regarding Remote Testimony at Trial," Co-Author, *New Jersey Law Journal – E-Discovery & Complex L. Supp.* , (April 13, 2020).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Marathons, triathlons, backpacking, and animal rights.