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Shannon McGowan is an associate in the Litigation Department. Her practice focuses on assisting clients in navigating a range of complex civil litigation issues, including antitrust, class certification and regulatory compliance. In addition, Shannon assists clients with general antitrust compliance matters.

Shannon was part of the trial team that received *The American Lawyer's* “Litigators of the Week” and *Law360's* “Legal Lions” recognition for the defense of Sanderson Farms against $7 billion in damages claims arising from an alleged conspiracy in the broiler chicken industry. The jury returned a complete defense verdict following a six-week trial in the Northern District of Illinois. As a result, the trial team was honored with *Benchmark Litigation’s* “Impact Case” award for the *Broilers* litigation.

Shannon also works closely with clients and transactional teams to assess antitrust issues in connection with mergers and acquisitions, and the analysis and assessment of pre-merger Hart-Scott-Rodino notification requirements.

Shannon has also brought her regulatory and financial experience to bear in advising the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico on a variety of issues related to the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act and the historic restructuring of Puerto Rico’s debts.

Shannon maintains an active pro bono practice, where she assists not-for-profit organizations and individuals with immigration, education and refugee matters. She recently helped lead a team that secured a settlement in a multi-year, class action litigation on behalf of tenants seeking to improve housing conditions in the Washington D.C. area. Shannon and the team recently received one of *Proskauer's* Golden Gavel Awards in recognition of their successful resolution of this litigation.

Shannon currently serves as the Chair of the DC Summer Program Associates' Committee.

Shannon earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she captained the school's Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team. As an alumna, she advises the current UVA Jessup Team during the year-long competition.

Prior to law school, Shannon served as a legislative assistant to state representatives at the Oklahoma State House of Representatives, where she researched, drafted and advised on legislation and policy issues, including government transparency, public safety, education and financial accountability.

Practices

Antitrust, Litigation, Antitrust Technology Task Force

Education

Bryan College, B.A.
summa cum laude
University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.

Admissions & Qualifications

District of Columbia
Virginia

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Memberships

Virginia Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar