



## Christine I. Gannon

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#### Practice Areas:

- Class Action Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property

#### States Admitted to Practice:

- New Jersey
- New York

#### Courts Admitted to Practice:

- US District Court for the District of New Jersey

#### Education:

- Rutgers University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2003)
- Rutgers University, Cook College (B.S., 1998)

#### Affiliations:

- American Bar Association
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Defense Counsel Trial Academy Alumni Network
- Essex County Bar Association
- The John C. Lifland American Inn of Court
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association
- New York State Bar Association

Christine I. Gannon has a diverse practice, across a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters. She regularly counsels clients on strategies to avoid litigation and minimize litigation risk, and has successfully assisted some of the country's largest and most respected companies in all stages of litigation— in both federal and state courts—with a focus on intellectual property, trade secrets, fraud, unfair competition, product liability, antitrust, commercial breach of contract, and class action defense.

Christine graduated cum laude from Rutgers University School of Law, where she was the business editor of the Women's Rights Law Reporter, and later served as a law clerk to the Honorable Steven L. Lefelt, J.A.D., former Appellate Judge in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. She takes pride in her pro bono work and community service, including her work with Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, Dress for Success, and Covenant House of New Jersey.

#### Honors and Awards

- New Jersey Super Lawyers (2019-2023)
- New Jersey Law Journal New Leaders of the Bar (2014)
- New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2012-2015)
- New Jersey Law Journal Intellectual Property Litigation Department of the Year (Member) (2014)

(Awards referenced are not approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Selection methodology is [available](#).)

#### Representative Experience

- Representing major pharmaceutical companies in patent infringement and antitrust litigations, including class actions, as New Jersey litigation counsel.
- Representing pharmaceutical company in products liability class actions and MDLs
- Represented manufacturer of filter media in action involving claims of Walker Process fraud on the patent office, attempted monopolization, invalidity, non-infringement, and inequitable conduct.
- Represented supermarket cooperative in litigation involving claims of trademark infringement, minority shareholder oppression, and breach of fiduciary duty.

- Represented world-leading industrial filtration companies in litigation involving claims of negligence, breach of warranty, and defective manufacture and design and failure to warn claims under the New Jersey Product Liability Act.
- Represented leading manufacturer of commercial boilers and hot water heaters in litigation involving claims of breach of contract and warranty, fraud, and tortious interference.
- Represented health insurance company in putative class action litigation involving RICO, ERISA, and various state fraud and unjust enrichment claims.
- Represented a multi-billion-dollar Canadian gold mining company in securities class action.
- Appellate representation of aircraft manufacturer in wrongful death case.
- Represented corporate officer in securities class action and related SEC investigation.
- Appellate representation of County in challenge to bid specifications issued by the County.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company accused of consumer fraud in statewide putative class action.
- Represented a leading producer and fruit juices in a nationwide putative class action involving claims of breach of warranty, unjust enrichment, unconscionable commercial practice, unfair competition, deception, fraud, false promise and misrepresentation.

## Decisions

- *Immunex Corp. v. Sandoz Inc.*, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 135022 (D.N.J. Aug. 9, 2019)
- *TransWeb, LLC v. 3M Innovative Properties Co. and 3M Co.*, 812 F.3d 1295 (Fed. Cir. 2016)
- *Otsuka Pharm. Co., LTD. V. Torrent Pharms. Ltd., Inc.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 50082 (D.N.J. Apr. 16, 2015)
- *Southern Research Institute, et al.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25072 (D.N.J. Feb. 4, 2014)
- *TransWeb, LLC v. 3M Innovative Properties Co. and 3M Co.*, 16 F. Supp. 3d (D.N.J. Apr. 21, 2014)
- *Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Amino Chemicals Ltd.*, 715 F.3d 1363 (Fed. Cir. 2013)
- *TransWeb, LLC v. 3M Innovative Properties Co. and 3M Co.*, Civil Action No. 10-4413 (FSH) (PS), 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 97512 (D.N.J. July 13, 2012)
- *New Jersey Dental Assoc. v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Aetna Life Insurance Co.*, 424 N.J. Super. 160 (App. Div. 2012), cert. denied May 21, 2012
- *Association of New Jersey Chiropractors v. Aetna, Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 64413 (D.N.J. May 8, 2012)
- *TransWeb, LLC v. 3M Innovative Props. Co.*, Civil Action No. 10-4413 (FSH), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 59095 (D.N.J. June 1, 2011)
- *Albany Molecular Research, Inc. v. Dr. Reddy's Labs., Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 09-4638 (GEB), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 59236 (D.N.J. June 14, 2010)
- *J.H. Reid Gen. Contr. V. Conmaco/Rector, L.P.*, Civil Action No. 08-6034 (WHW), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6929 (D.N.J. Jan. 27, 2010)
- *Fletcher v. Cessna Aircraft Co.*, 412 N.J. Super. 530 (App. Div. 2010)
- *In re N.J. Title Insurance Litigation*, Civil Action No. 08-1425 (GEB), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67273 (D.N.J. July 6, 2010)
- *International Union of Operating Eng'rs v. Astrazeneca PLC, et al.*, Docket No. A-0605-08T2, 2009 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1053 (App. Div. May 1, 2009)
- *LaRoy v. N.J. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, Docket No. A-0447-07T3, 2009 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 44 (App. Div. Jan. 28, 2009)
- *In re N.J. Title Insurance Litigation*, Civil Action No. 08-1425 (GEB), 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 92310 (D.N.J. Oct. 5, 2009)
- *Appaloosa Investment, L.P.I. et al. v. J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc., et al.*, 398 N.J. Super. 52 (App. Div. 2008)
- *In re Optionable Securities Litigation*, 577 F.Supp.2d 681 (S.D.N.Y. 2008)

- *Food King, Inc. v. Norkus Enterprises, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 04-1500 (MLC), 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 62406 (D.N.J. Aug. 15, 2008)
- *Raab v. Borough of Avalon*, 392 N.J. Super. 499 (App. Div. 2007)
- *Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Barr Laboratories, Inc.*, 411 F.Supp.2d 490 (D.N.J. 2006)
- *In re Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 372 F.Supp.2d 430 (D.N.J. 2005)

## News and Activities

- Volunteer, Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
- Barrister, The John C. Lifland American Inn of Court
- Former Board Member, Covenant House of New Jersey, Youth Advocacy Center Legal Program Board
- Speaker, "Tips for Tackling Tricky Questions," Professional Women's Group Workshop for Dress for Success, Morris County (May 2014)
- Organizer, "Anti-Competitive Practice Update – Restrictive Covenants and Theft of Trade Secrets and Company Property," Business Litigation Roundtable, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (June 2014)
- Speaker, "New Proposed Federal Rules That Are Currently Under Review," A Practical Guide to Federal Court: E-Discovery, Evidence and Experts Agenda Seminar, National Business Institute (April 2014)
- Speaker, "Expert Witness in Federal Court Cases: Practically Applying FRE," A Practical Guide to Federal Court: E-Discovery, Evidence and Experts Agenda Seminar, National Business Institute (April 2014)
- Speaker, "Commercial Litigation: Examining Situations that Give Rise to Business Disputes," NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education Webinar (December 2013)
- Participant, International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy (2009)

## Publications

- Co-author, "DRI Unfair Trade Practices: A Compendium of State Law," New Jersey Chapter (2005)
- Author, "Reproductive Self-Determination in the Third Circuit: The Statutory Proscription of Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life Claims as an Unconstitutional Violation of Planned Parenthood v. Casey's Undue Burden Standard," 24 Women's Rts. L. Rep. 101 (Spring 2003)