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Maria concentrates her practice on civil litigation involving class actions, data privacy, complex commercial disputes, and product liability defense. She has experience in all phases of litigation, from initiation of suit through trial proceedings. She represents clients in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, banking, construction, and insurance. She also provides regulatory advice in the food and beverage and consumer products industries.

Maria represents BIPA defendants in multiple BIPA class actions involving the use of finger-scan timekeeping systems and facial recognition technology. Her BIPA experience includes drafting pleadings and dispositive motions based on novel arguments addressing recent BIPA case law developments, and handling written discovery.

While in law school, Maria was an editorial assistant for former U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald J. Hedges and a legal intern for the office of the New York State Attorney General Consumer Frauds & Protection Bureau. She was also a teaching assistant for Civil Procedure and a research assistant for Professor Deborah Pearlstein.

Maria earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. Maria earned her law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where she was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Maria is a native Russian and Bengali speaker.

Experience

Obtained a \$1.74 million judgment (plus pre- and post-judgment interest) on behalf of the insurer of a crane operating company in a negligent services case against the crane manufacturer's wholly owned subsidiary, which acted as a services and training company. The case arose after a 600-ton mobile crane collapsed in on itself after the insured's employees adjusted an incorrect locking pin on the crane during its set-up. We claimed the pin was adjusted and the crane collapsed because the crane manufacturer's wholly owned subsidiary failed to provide the proper training and a product bulletin. After two years of litigation, the case culminated in a six-day trial finding the manufacturer's wholly owned subsidiary 100 percent negligent. The case involved testimony from a number of employees from all parties, crane experts, human factors experts, and damage experts. The case was appealed by the defendant to the United States Court of Appeals, which certified the case to the Florida Supreme Court.

Practice Areas

- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Privacy Litigation – Emerging Trends
- Product Regulatory & Compliance

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, J.D., 2019
- College of Mount Saint Vincent, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2013

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York

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