

Counsel



Amy Valentine McClelland brings extensive experience in complex civil litigation, white-collar defense, and employment law to NFC. A skilled litigator and trusted advisor, she has represented businesses, municipalities, and elected officials in high-stakes matters, from litigation avoidance strategies to defending against claims under Title VII, CEPA, and vicarious liability. In addition to acting as in-house employment counsel for small businesses -- developing policies, ensuring compliance, and resolving workplace disputes -- Amy has handled sensitive internal investigations, federal and state inquiries, and appearances before legislative bodies.

With a strong background in commercial litigation, products liability, and tort matters, Amy is adept at guiding cases from inception through appeals, including before the Third Circuit and New Jersey Appellate Division. She also has notable experience in ERISA-related benefit disputes and federal investigations into union practices. A dedicated advocate both in and out of the courtroom, Amy has successfully represented clients in state and federal courts and has provided pro bono representation in asylum proceedings.

When Amy is not advocating for her clients, you can often find her playing pickleball or reading a good book. She has been an active volunteer in educational initiatives in her local community.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Trenton, NJ – Assistant Legal Counsel (June 2024 – August 2025)
- Whipple Azzarello LLC, Morristown, NJ – Of Counsel (May 2015 – May 2024)
- Day Pitney LLP, Parsippany, NJ – Associate (September 2006 – May 2015)
- Quinn Gillespie, Washington, DC – Intern (May 2004 – August 2004)
- Congressmen Jim Turner, 2nd Congressional District, TX, Legislative Aide (May 2000 – August 2003)

EDUCATION:

- The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law, JD (2006)
- Gettysburg College, Bachelor of Arts (1999)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- State of New Jersey (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2006)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, Member
- Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, Member
- Morris County Bar Association, Member