



Libby Locke

Libby is a highly accomplished defamation lawyer and commercial litigator who devotes her practice to representing clients facing high-profile reputational attacks and litigating complex business disputes.

Libby has extensive experience representing clients in defamation matters adverse to national print, broadcast, and online media outlets, and she routinely advises clients who are dealing with the media in crisis situations. She has litigated high-profile libel and slander cases and – both in and outside of the litigation process – has obtained prominent corrections, retractions, and apologies for her clients. Some of Libby’s biggest defamation “wins” are stories the public will never hear about; she has killed flawed articles and broadcast segments in outlets including *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair* and *The Dr. Oz Show*.

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ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States
Commonwealth of Virginia
District of Columbia

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2005
New York University,
B.A. *cum laude*,
Politics and Economics, 2001

TEACHING

Adjunct Professor,
George Washington University
Guest Lecturer,
Georgetown University Law
Center, *Law In A New Media World*
Trial Practice
Guest Lecturer,
Catholic University School of Law,
Trial Practice

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CLE Program,
Managing a Hostile Press
Panelist, Georgetown Law Center
Actual Malice and the Private Plaintiff
Featured Speaker,
IFRA 2012 Fall Meeting

As a former partner at one of the nation’s premier law firms, Libby also has extensive experience handling complex business disputes in state and federal courts around the country. Libby has litigated class actions, mass actions, data breaches, defamation cases, agent compensation issues, hurricane and catastrophe coverage issues, associational standing cases, efforts by the media to intervene and unseal confidential documents and information, internal leak investigations, securities matters, RICO, and construction matters. As a former law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and mentee of the Hon. Kenneth W. Starr, Libby has extensive experience handling appeals and amicus briefs in the federal Courts of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court and the Virginia Supreme Court. In 2014, she was named a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers* magazine in appellate litigation.

Libby’s recent litigation representations include the successful prosecution of a high-stakes contract action in the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Rocket Docket”). Joining the team less than two months before trial, Libby played a critical role in securing summary judgment establishing the breach of a complex development contract and, after a six-day bench trial, obtaining a mandatory specific performance order requiring the defendant, a national homebuilder, to complete construction of critical development infrastructure within a specified timeframe. Following the judgment, Libby lead the briefing team resulting in an order requiring the defendant to pay her client’s legal fees and costs for the litigation, an award in excess of \$4 million.