

TASSITY JOHNSON, Associate

Tassity Johnson is a member of the Appellate and Supreme Court Practice and an associate in the firm's Litigation Department. Her practice focuses on appellate and trial litigation concerning constitutional, statutory and regulatory matters.

Ms. Johnson has substantial experience in a number of areas and industries, including First Amendment rights, energy, environmental law, voting rights and commercial litigation. She has litigated cases involving complex regulatory schemes, statutory interpretation, administrative law issues and federal constitutional claims. Ms. Johnson has authored dispositive motions and appellate briefs; interviewed, deposed and examined witnesses; and presented oral argument.

Ms. Johnson maintains an active pro bono practice, representing clients in immigration, voting rights and free speech matters at both the trial and appellate level. She has helped litigate a number of novel First Amendment public forum challenges to government official conduct, including *Knight First Amendment Institute v. Trump*.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Johnson was the Francis D. Murnaghan Appellate Advocacy Fellow at the Public Justice Center, where she successfully briefed and [argued multiple appeals](#) before the highest court of Maryland; a law clerk to the Honorable Martha C. Daughtrey of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and a law clerk to the Honorable Janet C. Hall, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Ms. Johnson received her J.D. in 2013 from Yale Law School, where she was awarded the Francis Wayland Prize for the greatest proficiency in litigation. She was also a member of the Immigration Legal Services and Transnational Development Clinics, and managing editor and articles editor for the *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*. Ms. Johnson received her A.B. in literature and cultural theory in 2010 from Duke University, where she was awarded the Bascom Headen Palmer Prize for the best senior thesis in the humanities.



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Appellate and Supreme Court Practice
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Litigation

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2013; Francis Wayland Prize for greatest proficiency in litigation; Managing and Articles Editor, *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*

Duke University, A.B., 2010; *cum laude*; Highest Distinction; Bascom Headen Palmer Prize for best senior thesis in the humanities

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut, 2014

District of Columbia, 2017

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2015

Court of Appeals, Maryland, 2015

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2018

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 2019

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Martha C. Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit 2014 - 2015 (Clerkship)

Hon. Janet C. Hall, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut 2013 - 2014 (Clerkship)