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BIOGRAPHY

Libbey Van Pelt is a former federal prosecutor with broad trial and litigation experience who now fights on behalf of people who have suffered serious personal injuries. In particular, Libbey has substantial experience representing victims of sexual abuse and employs a trauma-informed approach. She is dedicated to helping victims of other violent crimes, as well as those injured in motor vehicle crashes, by dangerous conditions, and by defective products.

Before joining B&K, Libbey practiced complex commercial litigation in Washington, DC, where she defended corporate clients in lawsuits across the country. In that role, she served as trial counsel in a five-week trial in Arkansas state court involving claims arising from a near billion-dollar chemical plant expansion. Prior to that, as an Assistant United States Attorney, she led complex federal grand jury investigations and prosecutions involving sex trafficking, violent crime, fraud, military export controls, and national security.

Libbey clerked for Chief Judge Rebecca Beach Smith of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. She earned her law degree from Stanford Law School, where she was an editor of the *Stanford Law Review*, moot court semi-finalist, and trial advocacy teaching assistant. She is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has interned in the U.S. Senate and in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Serving others is important to Libbey. She grew up traveling the world in a military family and spent one year at the U.S. Air Force Academy. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Woman Within International, a non-profit that provides powerful and transformative experiences for women around the world.

PRACTICE AREAS

Civil Litigation
Personal Injury
Justice for Crime Victims and Inadequate Security Litigation
Wrongful Death
Product Liability
Automobile and Trucking Accidents
Brain Injury

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia State Bar (2011)
Delaware State Bar (2015)
District of Columbia Bar (2018)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (2013)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (2012)
U.S. District Court, District of Delaware (2013)
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (2011)
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia (2019)

EDUCATION

J.D., 2011, with Pro Bono Distinction, Stanford Law School
B.A., 2007, summa cum laude, University of Pennsylvania