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Darya Zappia counsels her clients on matters involving corporate law, real estate, and intellectual property. She serves industries as diverse as IT, health, hospitality, finance, and arts, to name a few. From business formation, to M&A's, to real estate development, to transactions involving intellectual property, Darya assists individuals, start-ups, accomplished businesses, and institutional clients to achieve their objectives in an efficient and intelligent manner. She dedicates her pro bono efforts to helping Maine's immigrants and churches.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Darya served as a judicial intern in the chambers of the Honorable Kermit V. Lipez of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and worked as a student attorney at Maine Law's Intellectual Property Law Clinic, and at the Maine International Trade Center. While at law school, she was a class representative at the Inns of Court and was the winner of a national legal writing competition held by the Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business. Darya is fluent in Russian and Belarusian, and earned her Bachelor's degree from the Minsk State Linguistic University in Belarus, where she studied five languages, including German and Dutch. While in college, she worked as an interpreter for Dutch and Canadian charitable foundations. She then moved to the United States and worked in the fashion advertising industry in New York City prior to attending law school.

Darya lives in Old Orchard Beach with her husband, two children, and five pets. She is an avid ocean swimmer and snowboarder.

Education

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010

Minsk State Linguistic University, B.A., *high distinction*, 2005

Practice Areas

Corporate and Commercial Law Group
Credit Union Law
Hospitality Law Group
Intellectual Property and Internet Law
Nonprofit and Exempt Organizations Law Group
Real Estate Law Group

Affiliations

Admitted to Practice

- State of Maine
- U.S. District of Court, District of Maine
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Member, Past and Present

- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, Member
- Maine International Trade Center, Member
- Cumberland County Bar Association, Member
- Maine State Bar Association, Member
- Portland Chamber Music Festival, Board Member

Languages

- Russian and Belarusian (fluent)
- Dutch and German (proficient)

Selected Publications

- *A Practical Guide to Discovery and Depositions in Maine*
- *Time to Pay the Dues or can Intellectual Property Rights Feel Save with the WTO?*, 8 Rich. J. Global L. & Bus. 427 (Fall 2009).

Awards, Merits & Honors

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* as a top rated Business & Corporate Attorney (2017, 2018) and Intellectual Property Litigation Attorney (2015, 2016)
- Received Katahdin Counsel Recognition for Pro Bono efforts (2013-2015, 2018)

Designations





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