

Kristen M. Gibbons Feden



Kristen M. Gibbons Feden is a nationally acclaimed litigator and concentrates her practice on institutional responses to sexual and gender-based harassment and abuse, ethical concerns, discrimination, and other misconduct. Kristen represents clients in general and complex litigation matters, including sexual harassment, employment discrimination, and Title IX and corporate regulatory compliance, as well as clients in the financial services industry.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Kristen served as Captain of the Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence Units, as well as a member of the Sex Crimes Unit at the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. As assistant district attorney of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, she regularly obtained convictions in complex physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, homicide, child pornography, elder abuse, financial exploitation, aggravated assault, and other cases; often assisting young and vulnerable survivors, including survivors with intellectual disabilities and survivors of incest. Kristen was and remains an active member advocating with various organizations to develop and strengthen effective strategies to combat violent crimes and reduce the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. She is widely known as being a fair, compassionate and fierce advocate, and has been nationally awarded and recognized for her advocacy and litigation skills. Kristen's most notable case was *Commonwealth v. William H. Cosby*, where she played a critical role in the first trial, which resulted in a hung jury, and the second trial where a conviction was attained. In both, Kristen drafted and litigated pretrial motions and questioned key witnesses. In the first trial, she delivered the opening statement, and in the second trial, she cross-examined key witnesses and delivered the closing argument.

Kristen began her legal career as a law clerk for the Hon. Garrett D. Page, a Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas judge who sat on both the criminal and civil bench. While in law school, Kristen was an editor for the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review* and a member of Temple Law's National Trial team, winning the Capitol City Championship. Kristen also received numerous awards and honors during her tenure at Temple Law, including the Barristers Award, Best Oral Advocate Award, and induction in the Rubin Public Interest Law Honor's Society for her significant contributions to public service. Upon

graduation she received the Andrew Gay Award, for excellence in Trial Advocacy in the area of criminal law, and the Jacquelyn E. Davis Success Award, for her efforts and commitment towards public service.

Kristen is also an adjunct professor for Rosemont College where she teaches a range of undergraduate and graduate-level classes in the sociology department.

Before her legal career, Kristen worked as a Financial Analyst for Bloomberg, L.P. in New York.

Representative Matters

- *Commonwealth v. William H. Cosby* – (retrial) obtained conviction, drafted and litigated pretrial motions, delivered closing argument and questioned and cross-examined key witnesses
- *Commonwealth v. William H. Cosby* – drafted and litigated pretrial motions, delivered opening statement and questioned key witnesses
- *Commonwealth v. Storms* – obtained conviction in fatal church shooting resulting in defendant's sentence of 10-20 years in a State Correctional Institution; delivered opening statement, questioned key witnesses and drafted motions
- *Commonwealth v. Yandamuri* – obtained a double death penalty conviction in double homicide case; drafted motions and attended multi-week trial and all pretrial hearings

In The Community

Kristen is committed to pro bono work, volunteering her time as a board member and active participant in the Cheltenham Police Athletic League and as a member of the Safer Streets Task Force, a group focusing on engaging in activities towards enhancing a positive relationship between police and community. In addition, Kristen plays an active role in her church, Salem Baptist Church of Jenkintown, where she serves on the Women's Ministry, mentoring young women and planning events, and plays an active role with the Children's Ministry.

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