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Ari Bental is an Associate in the firm's Litigation department, where his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation. He represents clients at all stages of litigation, from pre-litigation counseling through trial and appeal. Before joining the firm, Mr. Bental was an Associate at an international law firm in Washington, D.C., where he helped multinational corporations navigate foreign investment reviews before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and regulatory regimes related to export controls, sanctions, and government contracts.

Representative Matters

Complex Commercial Litigation

Represent a major healthcare company in an earnout dispute concerning the acquisition of a surgical robotics company, including in a ten-day trial.

Represent a major healthcare company in a contractual dispute relating to advanced medical imaging technology, including in a weeklong trial.

White Collar Defense & Regulatory Enforcement

Represented clergyman charged with violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and U.S. sanctions against a foreign government in connection with a fundraising campaign to support humanitarian relief efforts in a foreign country.

Pro Bono

Represented an Army veteran in connection with a successful application for a discharge upgrade.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2021)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Note and Comment Editor, *American University Law Review*
- George Washington University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2016)

Publications

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"[DOJ Announces Guidance on White Collar Enforcement Priorities and Corporate Cooperation](#)," Patterson Belknap White Collar Defense and Investigations Alert (May 21, 2025)

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Judge, Jury, and Executioner: Why Private Parties Have Standing to Challenge an Executive Order That Prohibits ICTS Transactions with Foreign Adversaries, 69 Am. U. L. Rev. 1883 (2020).

Blog Posts: Securities Enforcement & Litigation Insider

April 5, 2024

SEC Charges Registered Investment Adviser for Violating Off-Channel Communications Preservation Obligations

On April 3, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") expanded the scope of its ongoing initiative to enforce laws and regulations governing the recordkeeping conduct of registered entities. Historically, these particular enforcement actions have focused primarily on broker-dealers...

December 14, 2022

Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments in SEC v. Cochran, a Case Concerning Challenges to Federal Administrative Proceedings

On November 7, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the cases of SEC v. Cochran [1] and Axon Enterprise, Inc. v. FTC , [2] which address whether respondents in federal administrative proceedings have the ability to...

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