

# TerriAnne Benedetto

Partner



A partner at the Seeger Weiss Philadelphia office, TerriAnne is a highly accomplished class action and complex litigation attorney. She has nearly thirty years of experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in jury and non-jury trials and on appeals in state and federal courts.

Her practice areas include antitrust, consumer protection, whistleblower/qui tam, defective products, catastrophic injury and securities litigation.

TerriAnne has been involved in numerous prominent class action cases, often as a member of teams appointed by the courts to leadership positions, including lead counsel and co-lead counsel. Many of these have resulted in multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements.

Prior to joining Seeger Weiss in 2006, she headed up an antitrust class action litigation unit at a nationally-recognized firm, where she also handled individual plaintiffs' personal injury matters. At another prestigious

Philadelphia firm, she handled consumer fraud cases against drug manufacturers, in both the class action context and as outside counsel for the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania suing in their *parens patriae* capacity.

TerriAnne began her career in the defense bar, defending against class action lawsuits in environmental and insurance matters. This background provides her with a unique perspective in representing plaintiffs, which has been her focus for the last twenty years. Recognized early on in the litigation technology era for her efficiency in utilizing computer databases in class action litigation, she has written on the subject in law journals.

After law school, TerriAnne served as law clerk to the Hon. William W. Vogel, President Judge of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

## **Selected Representations**

- *In re National Football League Players' Concussion Injury Litig.*, MDL No. 2323 (E.D. Pa.). TerriAnne assisted partner Christopher Seeger in his role as court-appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel and chief negotiator on behalf of plaintiffs in the highly visible and contentious multidistrict litigation against the **National Football League**. She worked on the negotiating team and was involved principally or jointly with others in drafting the majority of briefs filed in connection with the proposed settlement, helping to overcome significant legal and procedural challenges. The results achieved there—an **uncapped settlement fund valued at approximately \$1 billion** and a medical testing program—were overwhelmingly supported by the class and received unprecedented media attention. This settlement was ultimately approved by the district court, affirmed by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the petition for further appeal was denied by the United States Supreme Court. The settlement is currently being administered and class members are receiving monetary awards. TerriAnne also spearheaded the efforts to protect class members from deceptive practices by certain lenders and other third parties.
- *U.S. ex rel. Miller v. CareCore National LLC et al*, 1:13-cv-01177 (S.D.N.Y.). Along with partner Stephen Weiss, TerriAnne represented a qui tam relator, a licensed practical nurse in Colorado, in a whistleblower action against his former employer, **CareCore National LLC**, alleging that the provider of utilization review services directed its nursing staff to

issue pre-authorizations for diagnostic testing even though the set criteria for approvals had not been met, thus defrauding federal and state governments of tens of millions of Medicare and Medicaid dollars. A **\$54 million settlement** was jointly announced by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and several states' Attorneys' General Medicaid Fraud Units, out of which **\$10.5 million plus interest** (20% of the governments' combined federal and state recoveries) were awarded to the relator.

- *Edwards v. Erie Coach Lines Co. ("Wildcats")*, (N.Y.). Along with other attorneys at Seeger Weiss, including Christopher Seeger, she represented eleven victims and their families in wrongful death and serious personal injury litigation against **Coach USA Charter** and others, following a multi-fatality accident involving a tractor trailer and a bus carrying a women's ice hockey team. TerriAnne successfully handled the briefing and oral arguments on the complicated international choice of law issue through ultimate appeal to the New York Court of Appeals, which success paved the way for the global **\$36 million** settlement of all of the victims' claims. *Edwards v. Erie Coach Lines Co.*, 17 N.Y.3d 306 (2011).

## **Bar Admissions**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of New Jersey

New York Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Courts of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, District of New Jersey, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, Western District of Wisconsin

## **Education**

J.D., Villanova University School of Law, 1990

B.A. (Mathematics), Franklin & Marshall College, 1986

## **Honors**

Villanova University, Villanova Law Review, Staff Member

## **Memberships & Associations**

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association
- The Justinian Society of Philadelphia, Board Member

## **Publications & Presentations**

“Database Technology: A Valuable Tool for Defeating Class Action Certification,”

Published in *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Lead*, Vol. 7, #14 (Apr. 24, 1998), and *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, Vol. XX, No. 47, p.13 (Nov. 24, 1997).

## **Practices**

Antitrust

Consumer Protection

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