

2022 NLJ Awards: Professional Excellence

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■ **Describe your biggest win or accomplishment in practice.** In January 2021, the Third Circuit terminated a meritless appeal by the Trump Campaign, ending a series of lawsuits challenging the 2020 presidential election results in Pennsylvania. Between Election Day 2020 and early January 2021, we along with co-counsel litigated various challenges to the election in Pennsylvania state and federal courts. The successful defense against a multi-front attack on the democratic process was not something I ever expected to be part of my legal practice, but it will forever be one that I am proud to have participated in.

■ **What was the most valuable lesson you learned in your first year practicing law?** Be flexible. During my first-year orientation, I was asked to go to Japan two weeks later to oversee a document review for three weeks as part of an anti-bribery investigation. It was an incredibly challenging, but formative, experience.

■ **Who is your greatest lawyer mentor and what has he or she taught you?** I have been

fortunate to have many great mentors, who have each taught me different lessons. The common theme: Memories are long and reputations matter, so maintain your integrity and treat people with respect.



KARIN DRYHURST

■ **Please share a brief key to your success. (You may discuss how you build client relationships, win at trial or how you achieve success in another capacity.)** Don't be afraid of the facts. I use the facts as they are to develop the best story to maintain credibility with whoever the audience, whether the client, the government, or the ultimate decisionmaker.