



## Partner

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Suzanne E. Turner is a partner and the chair of Dechert's firm-wide Pro Bono practice, which provides legal representation to individuals and organizations that otherwise could not afford it. Her practice involves a wide range of human and civil rights litigation. Ms. Turner also has more than 17 years of experience as a litigator, concentrating primarily in employment and labor law.

Throughout her career, Ms. Turner has been active in many organizations focused on access to justice and community service issues. Currently, Ms. Turner is a trustee of the London-based LawWorks, the Public Interest Law Institute and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. From 2005-2009, she served as a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. She is the former chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Public Interest Section, founded and co-chaired the Philadelphia Bar Association's Law Firm Pro Bono Committee and served as vice-chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities Equal Access to Civil Justice Committee. She also chaired the board of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and served on the boards of Community Legal Services and the Education Law Center in Philadelphia. Additionally, she was the program coordinator of the Plaintiff's Employment Panel of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and was a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Task Force on Counsel for Indigent Litigants in Civil Cases. Ms. Turner also served as a board member of City Year Philadelphia and was the chair of the School District of Philadelphia's Law and Public Safety Stakeholder Partnership.

Ms. Turner is the recipient of the 1992 Pro Bono Publico Award from the American Bar Association, the 1994 Equal Justice Award from Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, the 1996 Fidelity Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association and the 2001 Striving Towards Excellence Award from Pennsylvania Legal Services. In 2004, she was named by The Lawyer (London) as one of the UK's "Hot 100" Lawyers. In 2009, she was named by the ABA Journal as one of 50 "Legal Rebels" nationwide (attorneys bringing innovation and new ideas to the legal profession).

Prior to joining Dechert, Ms. Turner was a partner in the employment and labor group of the Philadelphia office of a U.S. law firm, where she also created and coordinated an award-winning pro bono program. In 2000-01, she was a visiting fellow at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, and also served as a legal consultant for Interights, an international human rights law center based in London.

## EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*
- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1986

## ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States

## CLERKSHIPS

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig