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Ella Aiken practices in Gallagher's Litigation and Health Law groups, advising and representing clients on business disputes, risk management, health care regulatory matters, and the defense of medical malpractice claims. Ella also advises the firm's clients on privacy regulations and intellectual property related concerns.

Ella graduated from Columbia University School of Law where she earned her J.D. in 2011 and was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Also in 2011, she received her LL.M. in International Criminal Law, cum laude, from the University of Amsterdam Law School. Ella earned her undergraduate degree from Columbia University in 2007. Prior to joining Gallagher, Ella practiced civil litigation and intellectual property law in New York City.

Ella engages in pro bono work for the firm by representing immigrant women and children fleeing violence in collaboration with Tahirih Justice Center. She previously served on the board of directors of the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and the board of directors for Itineris, which supports adults with autism spectrum disorder. Ella was also selected for the Best Lawyers Ones to Watch honor in 2020 and 2021, and was recognized by *Baltimore Magazine* as a Top Lawyer for Medical Malpractice Defense in 2026.

Articles and Presentations

- “Trade Secrets: Protecting the Crown Jewels of Your Client’s Business” Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit, June 2025
- Co-Author, “Supreme Court to Decide Important Issue In Class-Action Litigation,” Westlaw Journal Environmental, vol. 34 no. 23, 2014

Civic and Charitable Service

- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Board of Directors (2016-2022)
- Itineris, Board of Directors (2018-2022)

Background

Area(s) of Practice

- Appellate
- Litigation
- Health Law
- Education

Court Admission

- Maryland State Courts
- New York State Courts
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- New York

Education

- Columbia Law School, JD, 2011
- University of Amsterdam School of Law, LLM, 2011, cum laude, International Criminal Law
- Columbia University, BA, 2007

Bar and Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Baltimore City
- Federal Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

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