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**Traci Martinez** is a member of the firm's Global Board. She focuses her practice on civil and employment litigation and advises public and private sector clients across various industries. Notably, she devotes a large portion of her time to civil litigation and trial work, with an emphasis on the utility locating and construction industries. In this capacity, Traci is defending her clients in property damage, personal injury, wrongful death and contractual matters including complex defense and indemnity issues.

Traci also regularly counsels employers on compliance with federal and state laws impacting the employer/employee relationship, including independent contractor issues, labor law, social media law, the Family Medical Leave Act, Title VII, ADA and ADEA.

Traci has successfully tried numerous cases and obtained full defense verdicts in discrimination, contract, catastrophic claims and disputes involving electrical, communication and gas utilities matters. Most recently, Traci obtained a complete defense verdict defending a utility locating company in a gas explosion case involving a fatality, multiple personal injuries and extensive claims of property damage. Numerous related lawsuits are ongoing.

Traci is a regular contributor to the Squire Patton Boggs Employment Law Worldview blog, which aims to interest, educate and stimulate discussion with global insight into practical and legal HR issues relevant to employers everywhere. Traci is also a regular seminar speaker on issues such as civil litigation strategies, social media and employment discrimination matters.

Prior to attending law school, Traci was an elementary school teacher. Currently, Traci serves as a Board Member for HandsOn Central Ohio and volunteers her time to advance important diversity initiatives within her community including The Ohio State Moritz College of Law and the Hispanic National Bar Association. She is a 2016-2017 fellow with the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and part of the 2015-2016 Leadership Columbus class. She is also a member of the Squire Patton Boggs' eDiscovery & Data Management Team, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Ohio Schools Group. Traci has been named a Rising Star in the 2014 through 2018 editions of Ohio Super Lawyers.

