

## SUZANNE E. TURNER

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 rights and civil rights litigation.

Throughout her career, Ms. Turner has been active in many organizations focused on access to justice and civil rights issues. Currently, Ms. Turner is co-chair of the board of PILnet and a board member of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. From 2005-2009, she served as a member of the American Bar Association's (ABA) 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 ABA's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities Equal Access to Civil Justice Committee. Ms. Turner 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 and LawWorks in London.

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 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 ABA, 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* 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, a ranking that recognizes lawyers bringing innovation and new ideas to the legal profession.

Prior to joining Dechert, Ms. Turner was a partner in the employment and labor group in the Philadelphia office of a U.S. law firm, where she created and coordinated an award-winning pro bono program. From 2000-2001, she was a visiting fellow at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London,

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Ms. Turner earned her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982, and received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1986.

She clerked for the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig, U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Turner is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, and the Pennsylvania bars.