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Ms. Lias-Booker is the office managing partner of the firm's Baltimore office, and she heads the Baltimore litigation practice group. She represents business and other entities in complex commercial and civil litigation in state and federal courts. Her clients are from a broad range of industries, including financial, retail and telecommunications. She has more than 20 years of experience litigating and resolving disputes to support her clients' strategic goals and objectives.

She has handled litigation involving contractual disputes, shareholder disputes, consumer class actions, mortgage fraud, lender liability, construction, products liability, bankruptcy issues, check fraud, affirmative action, including claims arising under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Truth in Lending Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and state and federal corporate, securities, commercial and consumer laws.

Ms. Lias-Booker has acted as lead counsel in numerous litigation matters. She has represented businesses in defeating class action litigation, resolving contractual disputes and litigating shareholder disputes. She defended a multimillion-dollar claim against a financial institution involving alleged violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act at both the trial and appellate court levels. She assisted the City of Baltimore in reaching a historic settlement of a federal court constitutional challenge that will allow the city to maintain a government contracting affirmative action program.

She frequently speaks on litigation issues. She has been a part of the faculty for litigation programs sponsored by the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL), and for the Maryland Judicial Institute, which trains Maryland state court judges assigned to the Business/Technology Case Management Program.