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HANNAH COLE-CHU is an associate in Outten & Golden's Washington, D.C. office, and is a member of the firm's [Class & Collective Action Practice Group](#). Ms. Cole-Chu represents employees in class and collective action litigation in state and federal court. Her wage and hour practice focuses on representing employees misclassified as exempt from overtime laws and those forced to work off-the-clock. Ms. Cole-Chu represents individuals working in diverse fields including the restaurant, financial services, and transportation industries. She also represents veterans and reservists with claims under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), including those entitled to compensation by their employer during periods of military leave.

Prior to joining Outten & Golden, Ms. Cole-Chu clerked for the Honorable Alvin W. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. She received her B.A. from Bard College and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. During law school, Ms. Cole-Chu was Editor in Chief of the Maryland Law Review and Co-President of the Maryland Public Interest Law Project.

Ms. Cole-Chu is active in several of the firm's pro bono matters, and is a Co-Chair of the Lawyers' Alliance, an annual fundraising campaign to support the Public Justice Center based in Baltimore, MD.

Bar Admissions & Professional Activities

- Ms. Cole-Chu is admitted to practice law only in Maryland and the District of Columbia.
- Ms. Cole-Chu is admitted to the following federal courts: The United States District Courts for the District of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

- Member, National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA)
- Member, Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association (MWELA)
- Member, American Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Section
- Member, Maryland State Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Section

Awards & Recognition

- Member, Order of the Coif
- Recipient, Sam Allen Memorial Prize, awarded to a graduating law student deemed to have demonstrated outstanding qualities of both leadership and scholarship
- Recipient, Joseph Bernstein Prize, awarded to a graduating law student for submitting the most significant piece of legal writing for publication in the *Maryland Law Review*
- Recipient, Judge Roszel Thomsen Prize, for excellence in Federal Jurisdiction
- Recipient, CALI Highest Grade Awards in Federal Jurisdiction, Civil Procedure, and Legal Profession
- Recipient, Maryland Public Interest Law Project Ward Coe Public Service Award
- Recipient, Walter Sondheim Jr. Maryland Public Service Law Fellowship