

Law360 Recognizes Lena Konanova as Rising Star

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Partner [Lena Konanova](#) has been named to Law360's prestigious "Rising Stars" list in recognition of her work on behalf of consumers in major class action lawsuits.

One of only three attorneys in the entire country to be awarded in the area of consumer protection, Lena currently represents teachers, nurses, first responders and other public servants in an ongoing class action against student loan servicer Navient and the U.S. Department of Education ([Navient stands accused of misleading borrowers about qualifying for federal loan forgiveness](#) while [U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and the Department of Ed. are charged with failing to properly administer multiple public service loan forgiveness programs](#)).

Konanova told Law360, "I love taking on clients who come to us feeling like they have nowhere else to turn. We intend to prove that the misrepresentations [Navient] is making to borrowers are eligible for class treatment and relief."

She added, "this really plays into where I think this practice area is going; which is during difficult economic times, and times when society is undergoing fundamental transformations that the internet and technology are facilitating, there are always going to be new challenges for how consumers interact with service providers and seemingly endless opportunities for companies to effectively take advantage of those consumers."

Read the [full interview in Law360](#).

More About Konanova's Practice

Yelena ("Lena") Konanova is a distinguished litigator who has handled dozens of trials, arbitration proceedings, and appeals before federal and state courts.

She counsels Fortune 500 companies on the prosecution and defense of high-stakes disputes, represents important players in the clean energy industry in proceedings against governmental and

competitor entities, litigates complex financial products, and advises plaintiffs on the recovery of billions of dollars in commercial matters.

[Learn more about her work and experience here.](#)

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