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The ability to remain calm in the face of stressful situations is a character trait all attorneys strive to make their own. For Danielle Phillip, 38, it is just one quality that makes her an adept litigator, an encouraging leader and a trusted co-worker.

For example, Phillip joined Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in 2008 while it was in the midst of handling a major patent infringement trial that had been going on for years. At stake was roughly a billion dollars. Phillip arrived as the newest addition to the litigation team and immediately began to prepare for the trial with dedication and tenacity.

Richard A. Kaplan, formerly of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, worked with Phillip on this complex and difficult case. "Rarely, in close to thirty years of patent litigation practice, have I seen a young lawyer get up to speed so fast, gain the confidence of all those around her and handle just about anything I, or others in our group, could throw at her," said Kaplan. "Especially in those times where many on the team might be getting a little bit tired or need a break, I found Danielle always willing to go the extra mile to make sure that everything would get done."

August Borschke, another attorney on that case, was amazed by her knack for producing outstanding work under intense pressure and impressed with her ability to assist others at the same time. "I saw her interactions with the two younger associates on the team and noticed that they often looked to her for guidance and advice, which she never failed to provide," Borschke said.

Barely more than two years after joining Brinks as an associate, she was promoted to shareholder in January of 2011.

Prior to joining Brinks, Phillip worked at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Whatron & Garrison in New York City as an associate in the litigation department from 2003 to 2008. There, she employed her talents in a variety of cases. She successfully won an asylum trial for a Ugandan; defeated a motion to dismiss that led to a favorable settlement in a Federal Tort Claim Act case; litigated a trademark and copyright action for a women's art collective, prevailing on motions that led to a favorable settlement; and settled a case on favorable terms for restaurant workers for unpaid wages.

Phillip received her J.D. *cum laude* from University of Michigan Law School in 2001. During law school and after graduation, Phillip clerked for the Honorable Judge John W. Darrah of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. "All in all, Danielle Phillip is among the finest law clerks with whom I have ever worked," Darrah said. "Ms. Phillip's skills as a lawyer are highly developed, effective and ethical."

Before launching her law career, Phillip earned a degree in biochemical sciences from Harvard University and has used that background to great effect. At Paul Weiss, she helped defend a major pharmaceutical company in a patent litigation over an alleged infringing medical device for treating warts using cryotherapy. "She was excited and eager to dive into the work, and I am certain that her background in the biochemical sciences also greatly assisted her," said Theodore K. Cheng, who supervised Phillip at the time. "Ms. Phillip is a very thoughtful and meticulous attorney – someone who carefully weighs the benefits and costs of every proposal before making recommendations to the client. This is a quality greatly admired by her clients, her fellow shareholders and her peers."

In addition to her demanding position at Brinks, Phillip participates as a mentor through the Black Women Lawyers' Association.

A very thoughtful and  
meticulous attorney.

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