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Ms. Stern directs projects in tort economics, labor economics, and securities. In tort economics, she has forecasted personal injury claims for asbestos liability settlements for over 40 defendants or their insurers. Her analyses have been used by companies to set reserves as the basis for solvency opinions and for purchasing or buying back insurance policies, as well as to determine the appropriate size of settlement funds. She also has experience forecasting claims arising from other torts including those related to medical products, building products, food contamination, hearing loss, repetitive stress injuries, and various solvents. She provides regular updates for clients, comparing actual filings and settlements with her projections to satisfy financial reporting requirements.

In the field of labor economics, she has analyzed issues of class certification, summary judgment, and damages in wage and hour cases. These cases often involve large electronic datasets with millions of records, in addition to any paper files retained. She has developed an expertise in analyzing such large datasets. She has also examined issues of materiality, causation, and damages for securities class action suits and has worked on cases involving issues of valuation and insider trading. Her analyses frequently form the basis for expert testimony.

Prior to joining NERA, Ms. Stern worked at Resources for the Future, where she analyzed the effects of SuperFund liability on land use.

Education

MA in international relations, Yale University (concentration in economics)

BA in economics, Colgate University

Publications

- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation 2021 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2020 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2019 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2018 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2017 Update*
- *Asbestos: Economic Assessment of Bans and Declining Production and Consumption*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2016 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2015 Update*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2014 Update*
- *Using Statistical Analysis For Employee Misclassification*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2013 Update*
- *Asbestos Payments per Resolved Claim Increased 75% in the Past Year—Is This Increase as Dramatic as it Sounds?*
Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2012 Update
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2011 Update*

- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation: 2010 Update*
- *The Economic Impact Of New MMSEA Regulations*
- *Class Certification in Wage and Hour Litigation: What Can We Learn from Statistics?*
- *Snapshot of Recent Trends in Asbestos Litigation*
- *Institutional Response to Tort System Breakdown: Asbestos Enters a New Phase*

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Financial Distress Litigation

Commercial Litigation and Damages

Labor and Employment

Life Sciences

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Securities and Finance

Survey Research, Design, and Analysis

Valuation

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