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Libby focuses her practice on litigation and has experience with state and federal appeals, defamation, and product liability claims, among others. She clerked for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Illinois Supreme Court.

Libby represents clients in state and federal courts nationwide in civil trial and appellate matters, with a particular focus on complex commercial, product liability, and defamation matters. She is experienced in all phases of litigation, including case assessment and strategy development, briefing and arguing motions, managing all aspects of discovery in complex litigation, including defending depositions, preparing cases and witnesses for trial, and briefing and arguing appeals.

Libby recently helped manage a large team of associates as part of the team that defended Fox News Network LLC in its high-profile litigation with Dominion Voting. She has counseled several other clients on whether or when to file defamation lawsuits or to use other tools to defend their reputations, brands, and business. Libby is part of the Winston team defending a large aviation company in a series of toxic tort cases brought by flight attendants and pilots, alleging that the design of the bleed-air systems of certain aircraft has caused the cabin air to be contaminated with toxins resulting from heated jet engine and hydraulic oils. She was also a member of teams that argued two appeals before the Illinois Supreme Court during the November 2019 term and secured favorable opinions in both.

Libby maintains an active pro bono practice, representing indigent defendants in criminal appeals and civil rights trials and partnering with local non-profit organizations to address systemic problems with the immigration and asylum system.

Prior to joining Winston, Libby served as a law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court justice Rita B. Garman and Seventh Circuit judge Michael Kanne.

Recent Experience

Secured Settlement for Fox on Brink of Trial in High-Profile Defamation Litigation Brought by US Dominion Voting Systems

Supreme Court of Illinois Unanimously Affirmed Win for Atlantic Richfield

Supreme Court of Illinois Decision has Implications on Use of Expert Witness

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation (2021–2024)
- CALI Award – International Commercial Arbitration; Pro Bono Notation

Activities

- Member – Illinois Bar Association
- Member – American Bar Association

Credentials

EDUCATION

Libby received her B.A. in international studies from American University in 2010. She received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, where she was an administrative editor for the *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*, and a member of the Jessup International Moot Court.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

CLERKSHIPS

- USCA - Seventh Circuit for the Honorable Michael S. Kanne
- Illinois Supreme Court for the Honorable Justice Rita B. Garman

Related Insights & News

- “Jurisdiction Should be Addressed at the Threshold of Appeals,” *CBA Record*, Co-author, Nov./Dec. 2020
 - “The Major Fraud Statute May Apply to Borrowers of Funds Under the CARES Act,” Winston & Strawn Client Briefing, Co-author, June 10, 2020.
 - *Medical Biotechnology for Profit and Progress: A Comparative Study of Medical Biotechnology Patents in the United States, European Union, and India*, 2014 U. Ill. J.L. Tech. & Pol’y 307
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RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* in America 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

BLOG

Winston’s Fourth Class of Protégés Graduates from D&I Associate Sponsorship Program

MAY 25, 2023

CLIENT SUCCESS

Winston Acts as Lead Trial Counsel for Fox News and Fox Corp. in US Dominion Voting Systems Defamation Cases, Settling Matter on Brink of Trial

APRIL 18, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The National Law Journal* Legal Awards 2022

AUGUST 29, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2023

AUGUST 18, 2022

CLIENT ALERT

Supreme Court Significantly Restricts the Use of Section 1782 Discovery For Use In Foreign and International Arbitrations

JUNE 15, 2022

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Associates Win Unanimous Trial Victory for Prison Inmate

DECEMBER 7, 2021

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2022

AUGUST 19, 2021

BLOG

Chicago High School Students Sharpen Their Negotiation Skills with Help from Winston Attorneys

AUGUST 11, 2021

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Women Recognized in the 2021 Women in the Law edition of *Best Lawyers*

JULY 1, 2021

CLIENT ALERT

Supreme Court Leaves Narrow Path for Plaintiffs Asserting Claims Under the Alien Tort Statute

JUNE 22, 2021

CLIENT ALERT

Following Circuit Court Approval, New HHS Rule Requiring Public Disclosure of Privately Negotiated Prices Goes into Effect

JANUARY 22, 2021

Capabilities

Litigation/Trials

Appellate & Critical Motions

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

International Arbitration

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance