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Sarah focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, particularly pharmaceutical product liability and toxic tort matters.

Sarah has handled multi-jurisdictional litigation in federal and state courts and represents companies, manufacturers, utilities, and their insureds in cases alleging personal or catastrophic injury and wrongful death due to toxic product exposure.

Sarah is committed to effectively managing cases and has experience in all phases of discovery, trial preparation, and negotiation of settlements with opposing counsel.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Secured motion to dismiss with prejudice in Cook County Chancery Court for a pharmaceutical company in an action brought by the Illinois Attorney General against various manufacturers and distributors. The plaintiff alleged that the defendants had created a public nuisance and violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive

Business Practices Act, and that the distributors had failed to properly examine and report suspicious orders of opioid medications.

- Successfully appealed the denial of a motion to transfer a case filed in St. Louis Circuit Court. After the trial court denied the motion to transfer for improper venue, Sarah filed a writ petition with the Eastern District of Missouri stating the trial court judge had applied an out-of-date venue statute and failed to timely make a ruling as required by statute. Following the Court of Appeals' denial, Sarah filed a petition with the Missouri Supreme Court, which granted a preliminary writ and instructed plaintiff's counsel to respond stating why the writ should not be made permanent. Plaintiff's counsel declined to respond and conceded the venue issue, allowing the case to be transferred to a more favorable jurisdiction for the client.

Recognitions

Sarah was recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in the areas of Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022–2024).

Activities

- Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel – Volunteer Attorney
 - American Bar Association
 - Illinois State Bar Association
 - Missouri Bar Association
 - Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
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Credentials

EDUCATION

Sarah her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2014, where she was the Senior Editor at *Georgetown Journal of International Environmental Law*. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, in political science and communications from Vanderbilt University in 2011.

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Illinois

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