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Julia is first and foremost a trial lawyer, participating in nearly a dozen trials in her more than 15-year legal career, conducting direct and/or cross-examinations in each trial. With a degree in microbiology, Julia excels at working with expert witnesses, has drafted countless expert reports and personally taken and defended numerous expert depositions, in addition to managing all aspects of the pretrial, trial, and post-trial phases of litigation.

Julia practices in a variety of areas of litigation. She has extensive experience as a patent litigator in cases involving technologies including pharmaceuticals, biologics, hospital beds, and methods of obtaining insurance online. Julia also has experience in product liability litigation, in particular, representing pharmaceutical companies in mass tort litigations involving diet drugs and hormone replacement therapy. Julia works closely with experts, including various types of chemists, biologists, pharmaceutical formulators, clinicians, and economists. Julia has recruited, organized and prepared expert reports with a stable of experts in litigations involving numerous individual plaintiffs.

In addition, Julia's white collar experience includes an SEC investigation involving a prominent local physician, an internal investigation on behalf of a hospital's audit committee, and serving on the trial team that represented former Illinois Gov. George Ryan in a public corruption trial. She blends substantial trial experience and scientific acumen to create a unique offering for companies engaged in active and potential litigation.

Key Matters

Julia participated in a bench trial in the District of New Jersey involving patents for Enbrel®, a biologic medicine. The trial was one of the first trials involving a biosimilar medicine to occur pursuant to the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA).

Julia also participated in the trial and appeal of a case involving patents for the drug Aloxi®, which led to the United States Supreme Court's first opportunity to consider the revised standards for patentability under the 2011 America Invents Act. The Federal Circuit reversed the district court and found that the claimed invention was invalid under the "on sale bar." The Supreme Court subsequently upheld the Federal Circuit's decision, finding that an invention is "on sale" for purposes of the statute if it is sold or offered for sale, and that it does not matter whether the sales are public or make the invention "available to the public" more broadly.

Julia also was part of a significant trial victory for a major pharmaceutical company against a branded pharmaceutical company in which the court invalidated the patent covering the active ingredient molecule in the Hepatitis B treatment, Baraclude® (entecavir). The decision was especially important because it invalidated as "obvious" a patent on a new chemical compound. The case received extensive press coverage, including articles in *Forbes*, *Bloomberg*, Law360, *InsideCounsel*, and countless IP, FDA, and patent law-related blogs. The district court ruling was affirmed on appeal by the Federal Circuit, and BMS's motion for an en banc rehearing was denied.

Her additional patent trial experience includes cases involving patents relating to the drugs Amrix®, Multaq®, Nasacort AQ®, Seroquel XR®, and Temodar®. Her additional representations span a variety of drug products including Angiomax®, Belbuca®, Belvig®, Clolar®, Dexilant®, Firazyr®, Flector®, Gralise®, Invanz®, and Istodax®. Julia also has experience in the development of strategic plans to successfully bring generic drugs and biosimilar products to market.

Recent Experience

Winston Serves as Trial Counsel in Monsanto Roundup Litigation

Recognitions

Julia was recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* for Commercial Litigation. From 2015–2017, Julia was recognized as an "Emerging Lawyer" by *Leading Lawyers*, which recognizes the top two percent of lawyers who are 40 years old or younger and have proven themselves professional, ethical, and experienced at an early point in their legal career.

Julia also was recognized internally as the Chicago office's "Mentor of the Year" in 2015.

Activities

Julia serves as Winston's firmwide Parental Leave Liaison for male and female attorneys taking parental leave. As liaison, Julia serves as a resource to attorneys preparing for and returning from parental leave. In addition, Julia was instrumental in the development and implementation of the firm's gender neutral parental leave policy.

Julia also serves on the firm's Associate Evaluation Committee, the firm's Hiring Committee, and is a mentor in Winston's mentoring program. Having spent her entire career at Winston, Julia is committed to the firm and the advancement and retention of its talented attorneys.

Through the National Immigrant Justice Center, she provides pro bono representation to individuals seeking to apply for or renew their status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act, as well as individuals seeking asylum. Julia also provides pro bono representation to assist children with disabilities in obtaining the educational services that they need.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Julia received a B.S. in microbiology, with honors, from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 2000 and her J.D., *cum laude,* from the Northwestern University School of Law in 2004, where she was an executive note and comment development editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review.*

Julia holds an advanced-level certification from the U.K.-based Wine & Spirit Education Trust and a French Wine Scholar certification from the French Wine Society.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Related Insights & News

- "Parental Leave", UC Hastings Center for WorkLife Law's Cutting Edge Conference, Panelist, Oct. 20, 2017
- "Patent Litigation—How Judges See and Handle Patent Cases", PLI's Patent Litigation 2017: Advanced Techniques & Best Practices, Moderator, Oct. 12–13, 2017

BLOG

Second Circuit Upholds Dismissal in Meat Grinder Injury Case: Examining Liability Amidst Substantial Modification and Foreseeability Challenges

MARCH 28, 2024

ARTICLE

Commercial Litigation and Cross-Border Enforcement, Law Over Borders Comparative Guide 2023

OCTOBER 3, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2024*

AUGUST 17, 2023

WEBINAR

Product & Mass Torts Summit 2022

JUNE 7, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Named as IAM Patent Litigation Firm of the Year

JANUARY 30, 2020

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Receives "Hatch-Waxman Impact Case of the Year" at *LMG Life Sciences* Awards 2019

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Wins Two *Managing IP* Americas Awards 2019

APRIL 9, 2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Julia Johnson Discusses Winston's Parental Leave Policy at WLE's Cutting Edge Conference

OCTOBER 20, 2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Julia Mano Johnson Leads PLI Panel on How Judges See and Handle Patent Cases

OCTOBER 13, 2017

NEWS

Winston & Strawn Achieves Victory on Behalf of Teva Pharmaceuticals

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

NEWS

Winston Prevails in Patent Trial for Teva Pharmaceuticals

MAY 13, 2011

Capabilities

Intellectual Property | Litigation/Trials | Patent Litigation | Product Liability & Mass Torts | Commercial Litigation & Disputes | Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance | Medical Devices

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