

EXHIBIT H

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re UNDER ARMOUR SECURITIES)	Civil No. RDB-17-388
LITIGATION)	
)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
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This Document Relates To:)	
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ALL ACTIONS.)	
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DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER F. MORIARTY
FILED ON BEHALF OF MOTLEY RICE LLC IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

I, Christopher F. Moriarty, declare as follows:

1. I am a member of the firm of Motley Rice LLC (“Motley Rice” or the “Firm”). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses/charges (“expenses”) in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action (the “Action”).

2. This Firm is counsel of record for named plaintiff and class representative KBC Asset Management NV (“KBC”).

3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the member who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the Action and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of

this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries, as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Action. As a result of this review, reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. Based on this review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Action.

4. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the Action by my Firm is 839.75. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$547,488.75. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in other securities class action litigation. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

5. My Firm seeks an award of \$4,024.26 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the Action. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in Exhibit B.

6. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:

(a) Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$112.50. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees. The vendors who were paid for these services are set forth in Exhibit C.

(b) Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$1,316.55. The vendors who were paid for these services are set forth in Exhibit D.

(c) In-House Photocopying and Printing: \$225.55. In connection with this case, the Firm made 182 in-house copies, charging \$0.10 per copy for a total of \$18.20; 825 in-house copies, charging \$0.23 per copy for a total of \$189.75; and 44 in-house copies at \$0.40 per copy for a total of \$17.60. Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the 1,051 copies were identified as related to this case.

(d) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$878.82. This category includes vendors such as Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis, PACER, and Bloomberg BNA. These resources were used to obtain access to court filings, to conduct legal research, and to obtain factual information regarding the claims asserted through access to various databases. This expense represents the expense incurred by the Firm for use of these services in connection with this Action. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested.

(e) Document Production: \$1,375.00. This category relates to the production charges paid to Nextpoint associated with the production of approximately 237,000 pages of documents from KBC.

7. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this Firm. These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers, check records, and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses.

8. The identification and background of my Firm and its members is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 23rd day of September, 2024, at Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.



CHRISTOPHER F. MORIARTY

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT A*In re Under Armour Securities Litigation*, No. RDB-17-388

MOTLEY RICE LLC

Inception through September 15, 2024

<i>NAME</i>		<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Arnold, Andrew P.	(M)	28.00	\$950.00	\$26,600.00
Gruetzmacher, Max	(M)	86.75	\$1,050.00	\$91,087.50
Levin, Gregg	(M)	20.00	\$1,300.00	\$26,000.00
Littlejohn, Joshua C	(M)	16.75	\$1,050.00	\$17,587.50
Moriarty, Christopher F.	(M)	99.75	\$950.00	\$94,762.50
Narwold, Bill	(M)	22.25	\$1,300.00	\$28,925.00
Sturman, Deborah*	(OC)	27.00	\$1,150.00	\$31,050.00
Hines, Neli	(A)	97.25	\$550.00	\$53,487.50
Rosenbaum, Bruno	(A)	100.25	\$550.00	\$55,137.50
Bailey, Steven*	(CA)	63.10	\$350.00	\$22,085.00
Long, Lawrence*	(CA)	31.50	\$375.00	\$11,812.50
Rizzi, Kristin*	(CA)	74.40	\$425.00	\$31,620.00
McLaughlin, Lora L.	(PL)	12.75	\$425.00	\$5,418.75
Weil, Katherine M	(PL)	83.00	\$375.00	\$31,125.00
Ashby, Lisa	(LT)	77.00	\$270.00	\$20,790.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>839.75</i>		<i>\$547,488.75</i>

Associate	(A)
Contract Attorney	(CA)
Litigation Technology Specialist	(LT)
Member	(M)
Of Counsel	(OC)
Paralegal	(PL)

* Of Counsel Deborah Sturman and contract attorneys Steven Bailey, Lawrence Long, and Kristin Rizzi are not (or were not) employees of the Firm. These individuals formed part of the Firm's litigation team in this matter and performed legal work that materially advanced the prosecution of the Action.

EXHIBIT B

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MOTLEY RICE LLC

Inception through September 15, 2024

<i>CATEGORY</i>		<i>AMOUNT</i>
Filing, Witness, and Other Fees		\$112.50
Messenger, Overnight Delivery		\$115.84
Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography		\$1,316.55
In-House Photocopying and Printing		\$225.55
In-House: (182 copies at \$0.10 per page)	\$18.20	
In-House: (825 copies at \$0.23 per page)	\$189.75	
In-House: (44 copies at \$0.40 per page)	\$17.60	
Online Legal and Financial Research		\$878.82
Document Production		\$1,375.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$4,024.26</i>

EXHIBIT C

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MOTLEY RICE LLC

Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$112.50

<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENDOR</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
02/10/2020	District Court of Maryland	Filing of Pro Hac Vice Application – B. Narwold
11/02/2021	Clerk of Supreme Court of SC	Certificate of Good Standing – C. Moriarty

EXHIBIT D

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MOTLEY RICE LLC

Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$1,316.55

<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENDOR</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
01/10/2022	Veritext, LLC	Real time services – remote witness B. Elst
03/28/2022	Cisco	Deposition expense

EXHIBIT E

FIRM RESUME

FIRM OVERVIEW



Motley Rice attorneys have been at the forefront of some of the most significant and monumental civil actions over the last 30 years. Our experience in complex trial litigation includes class actions and individual cases involving securities and consumer fraud, occupational disease and toxic tort, medical drugs and devices, environmental damage, terrorist attacks and human rights abuses.

Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

In the 1990s, Motley Rice attorneys and more than half of the states' attorneys general took on the tobacco industry. Armed with evidence acquired from whistleblowers, individual smokers' cases and tobacco liability class actions, the attorneys led the campaign in the courtroom and at the negotiation table to recoup state healthcare funds and exact marketing restrictions from cigarette manufacturers. The effort resulted in significant restrictions on cigarette marketing to children and culminated in the \$246 billion Master Settlement Agreement, the largest civil settlement in U.S. history.

Asbestos Litigation

From the beginning, our lawyers were integral to the story of how "a few trial lawyers and their asbestos-afflicted clients came out . . . to challenge giant asbestos corporations and uncover the greatest and longest business cover-up of an epidemic disease, caused by a product, in American history."¹ In addition to representing thousands of workers and family members impacted by asbestos, Motley Rice has represented numerous public entities, and litigated claims alleging various insurers of asbestos defendants engaged in unfair settlement practices in connection with the resolution of underlying asbestos personal injury claims. This litigation resulted in, among other things, an eleven-state settlement with Travelers Insurance Company.

Anti-Terrorism and Human Rights

In *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, Motley Rice attorneys brought a landmark lawsuit against the alleged private and state sponsors of al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden in an action filed on behalf of more than 6,600 family members, survivors, and those killed on 9/11—including the representation of more than 900 firefighters and their families. In prosecuting this action, Motley Rice has undertaken a global investigation into terrorism financing.

Our attorneys also initiated the *In re September 11 Litigation* and negotiated settlements for 56 families that opted out of the Victim Compensation Fund that far exceeded existing precedents at the time for wrongful death cases against the airline industry.

BP PLC Oil Spill Litigation

In April 2010, the Deepwater Horizon disaster spilled approximately 4.9 million gallons of oil into the water, killed 11 oil rig workers, devastated the Gulf's natural resources and profoundly harmed the economic and emotional well-being of hundreds of thousands of people. The Deepwater Horizon Economic and Property Damages Settlement is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history. Motley Rice co-founder Joseph Rice is a Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member and

served as one of the primary negotiators of that Settlement and the Medical Benefits Settlement. In addition, Rice led negotiations in the \$1.028 billion settlement between the PSC and Halliburton Energy Services for its alleged role in the oil spill. Motley Rice attorneys continue to hold leadership roles in the litigation and are currently working to ensure that all qualifying oil spill victims are fairly compensated.

Volkswagen 'Clean Diesel' Litigation

In 2015, Volkswagen Group's admission that it had programmed more than 11 million vehicles to cheat emissions tests and bypass standards sparked worldwide outrage. Motley Rice co-founder Joe Rice served as one of the lead negotiators in the nearly \$15 billion settlement deal reached in 2016 for U.S. owners and lessees of 2.0-liter TDI vehicles, the largest auto-related consumer class action settlement in U.S. history. Rice and other Motley Rice attorneys also helped recover up to \$4.4 billion with regards to affected 3.0-liter vehicles.

Transvaginal Mesh Litigation

Motley Rice attorneys represent thousands of women and have played a leading role in litigation alleging debilitating and life-altering complications caused by defective transvaginal mesh devices. In 2014, Joe Rice, with co-counsel, negotiated the original settlement deal reached in *In re American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation* that numerous subsequent settlements with the manufacturer were modeled after.

Opioid Litigation

Motley Rice is at the forefront of national opioid litigation and represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in ongoing investigations and litigations filed in both the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, as well as in state courts that allege deceptive marketing and/or overdistribution of opioids. Firm co-founder Joe Rice (DC, SC) is one of three co-leads for the MDL coordinated in the Northern District of Ohio. Also holding leadership positions in the MDL are Motley Rice attorneys Linda Singer (DC, NY), co-chair of the Manufacturer/Marketing Committee, and Lou Bograd (DC, KY), co-chair of the Law & Briefing Committee. Joe Rice, as Chair of the opioid Negotiating Committee, worked with the committee and the Attorney General Committee to reach over \$51 billion in settlements for communities nationwide with defendants in the opioid supply chain. Motley Rice continues to represent dozens of governmental entities, including the first jurisdictions to file cases in the current wave of litigation.

LITIGATION PROFILES *Motley Rice has held leadership roles in numerous cases. Highlights include:*

DEFECTIVE DRUGS AND DEVICES

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee *In re Paragard IUD Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2974 (N.D.Ga.)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Co-Chair of Leadership Development Committee *In re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, No. 9:20-md-02924 (S.D. Fla.).

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Products Liability Litigation*, No. 2:19-md-02921, (D.N.J.)

Bellwether Committee Co-Chair *In re Xarelto Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2592

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Proton-Pump Inhibitor Prods. Liability Litigation* (No. II), D.N.J.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation*, N.D. III.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Co-lead Counsel *In re Ethicon Physiomech Flexible Composite Hernia Mesh Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2782

Lead Counsel; Plaintiffs' Executive Committee *Essure Permanent Sterilization Device California State Court Consolidation*

Lead counsel and Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Atrium Medical Corp. C-QUR Mesh Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2753

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, Co-lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel in *In re Davol/ C.R. Bard Hernia Mesh* (PC-2017-1929)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2738

Co-lead counsel and Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Zofran (Ondansetron) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2657

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Viagra (Sildenafil Citrate) and Cialis (Tadalafil) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2691

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Bard IVC Filters Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2641

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Lipitor® (Atorvastatin Calcium) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2502.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel and liaison counsel *In re Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 07-1842 Rhode Island federal court's first consolidated MDL, on behalf of thousands of people alleging injury by the hernia repair patch manufactured by Davol, Inc., as well as liaison counsel for the nearly 2,000 lawsuits consolidated in Rhode Island state court.

Co-lead coordinating counsel of *In re Ethicon, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2327 (S.D.W.Va.)

Co-lead counsel in *In re American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2325 (S.D.W.Va.)

Co-liaison counsel *In re C.R. Bard, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2187 (S.D.W.Va.)

Co-lead counsel *In re Boston Scientific Corp., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2326, (S.D.W.Va.)

Co-liaison counsel *In re Pelvic Mesh Litigation/Bard*, No. L-6339-10 in New Jersey state court.

State court liaison counsel of *In re Bard Litigation* in Massachusetts and Delaware

Co-lead counsel of the *Mirena MDL* (S.D.N.Y.)

Co-lead counsel in the *In re Mirena Product Liability* state court consolidation in New Jersey

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Power Morcellator Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2652

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Zoloft (Sertraline Hydrochloride) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2342

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re NuvaRing Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1964

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. ASR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2197

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. Pinnacle Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2244

In re A.H. Robins Co., Inc., "Dalkon Shield" IUD Products Liability Litigation (No. II), MDL 631

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Medtronic, inc., Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1905

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Trasylol Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1928

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Levaquin Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1943

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and co-lead counsel of *In re Digitek Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1968

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1871

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Hydroxycut Marketing and Sales Practice Litigation*, MDL 2087

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Zicam Cold Remedy Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2096

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and co-lead counsel of *In re Human Tissue Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1763

In re Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Implants Products Liability Litigation, MDL 1001

In re Abbott Laboratories Omnicef Products Liability Litigation, MDL 1004

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and liaison counsel of *In re Showa Denko K.K. L-tryptophan Products Liability Action*, MDL No. 865



CONSUMER PROTECTION

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re McKinsey & Co., Inc. National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation* No. 21-md-02996-CRB (N.D. Cal.)

Co-Lead Counsel *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, No. 17-md-02804 (N.D. Ohio).

Co-Lead Counsel *In re Blackbaud, Inc., Customer Data Breach Litigation*, MDL 2972 (D.S.C.)

Co-Lead Counsel on the Coordinating Committee for the Pennsylvania Coordinated Cases *County of Delaware v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 17-md-02777-EMC (N.D. Calif.)

Co-liaison counsel and Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re 21st Century Oncology Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, MDL 2737 (M.D. Fla.)

CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee of *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation*, MDL 2543

Hoover, et al. v. NFL, et al., MDL #2:12-cv-05209-AB (E.D. Pa.).

Lead counsel in *Charleston Firefighter Litigation v. Sofa Super Store, Inc., et al.*, No. 07-CP-10-3186 (Ct. of Common Pleas, Ninth Jud. Cir.), consolidated complex litigation involving the families of nine firefighters who died in a furniture store disaster.

Clifton Chesnut, a minor v. Waupaca Elevator Company, Inc., et al., No. 2013-CP-10-2060 (Ct. of Common Pleas, Ninth Jud. Cir.).

Veronica Lynne Tario v. SOCO, Holding, LLC et al., No. 2013-cv-26-2499 (Ct. of Common Pleas, Fifteenth Jud. Cir.).

Satterfield et al. v. Napa Home & Garden Inc., et al., No. 7:11-1514-JMC (D.S.C.).

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and multiple plaintiffs' counsel, *In re San Juan DuPont Plaza Hotel Fire Litigation*, MDL 721 (D.P.R.).

Strother v. John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods of the Carolinas, et al., No. 09-CO-29-1783 (Ct. of Common Pleas, Sixth Jud. Cir.), an individual catastrophic personal injury/premise liability case involving life-altering brain injury.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Discovery Committee in *In re Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. Tires Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1373 (S.D. Ind.).

In re Ford Motor Co. E-350 Van Products Liability Litigation (No. II), MDL 1687

Class counsel in *Carol Lee Whitfield, et al., v. Sangamo Weston*, No. 6:84-3184 (D.S.C.), a PCB personal injury and property damage class action settled while pending before U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division.

In re Graniteville Train Derailment, No. 2006-CP-02-1032 (Ct. of Common Pleas, Second Jud. Cir.). served in a leadership role for both individual and class action cases in connection with the January 2005 railroad derailment and chemical spill in Graniteville, S.C.

SECURITIES FRAUD AND ERISA CLASS ACTIONS

Lead counsel in *Shenwick et al. v. Twitter Inc. et al.*, No. 3:16-cv-05314 (N.D. Cal.).

Co-lead counsel in *Hatamian v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-00226-JD (N.D. Cal.)

Lead counsel in *Bernacchi v. Investment Technology Group, Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-06369-JFK (S.D.N.Y.).

Co-lead counsel in *Berry v. Wells Fargo & Co.*, No. 3:17-cv-00304 (D.S.C.)

Co-lead counsel *In re Intel Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. 5:20-cv-05194-EJD (N.D. Cal.)

Co-lead counsel in *In re 3M Co. Securities Litigation*, No. 2:19-cv-15982 (D.N.J.)

Lead counsel in *Takata v. Riot Blockchain, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:18-cv-02293 (D.N.J.)

Co-lead counsel in *Parchmann v. MetLife, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-00780-SJ-RLM (E.D.N.Y.)

Co-lead counsel in class action *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corporation*, No. 2:09-cv-02122-EFM-KMH (D. Kan.), representing the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund (PIUMPF) and several other institutional investors.

Co-class counsel in *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Pharmacia Corp.*, No. 03-1519 (D.N.J.). federal securities fraud litigation alleging that the defendants misrepresented clinical trial results of Celebrex® to make its safety profile appear better than rival drugs.

Lead counsel in *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*, No. 1:13-cv-03851 (RPP) (S.D.N.Y.)

Lead counsel in *Hefler v. Wells Fargo & Co.*, No. 16-cv-05479-JST (N.D. Cal.)

Co-lead counsel in *Ross v. Career Education Corp.* No. 1:12-cv-00276 (N.D. Ill.).

Co-lead counsel representing a group of institutional shareholders *In re Allion Healthcare, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, No. 5022-cc (Del. Ch.).

Co-lead counsel representing investors in **Robert Freedman v. St. Jude Medical, Inc.**, No. 0:2012cv03070 (D. Minn.).

Co-lead counsel representing investors in **In re Hewlett-Packard Co. Securities Litigation**, No. SACV 11-1404 AG (RNBx) (C.D. Cal.).

Co-lead counsel in **In re UBS AG Securities Litigation**, No.07 Cov. 11225 (RJS) (S.D.N.Y.).

Co-lead counsel representing institutional investors in **Hill v. State Street Corporation**, No. 09-cv-12146-NG (D. Mass.).

Sole lead counsel representing lead plaintiffs in **City of Brockton Retirement System v. Avon Products, Inc.**, No. 11 Civ. 4665 (PGG) (S.D.N.Y.).

Co-lead counsel on behalf of stockholders in **Marsden v. Select Medical Corporation**, No. 04-cv-4020 (E.D. Pa.).

Co-lead counsel on behalf of a class of investors in **South Ferry LP #2 v. Killinger**, No. C04-1599C-(W.D. Wash.) (regarding Washington Mutual).

Sole lead counsel representing the lead plaintiff in class action, **In re NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 2:06-cv-00570-PGC-PMW (D. Utah), concerning the drug PREOS.

Co-lead counsel for co-lead plaintiffs Drywall Acoustic Lathing and Insulation Local 675 Pension Fund and Metzler Investment GmbH in **In re Molson Coors Brewing Co. Securities Litigation**, No. 1:05-cv-00294 (D. Del.).

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in shareholder class action **In re The DirecTV Group, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, No. 4581-VCP (Del. Ch.).

Sole lead counsel in **Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust v. Gemunder**, No. 10-CI-01212 (Ky. Cir. Ct.) (regarding Omnicare, Inc.), a shareholder derivative complaint stemming from federal investigations into three kickback schemes.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in **City of Sterling Heights General Employees' Retirement System v. Hospira, Inc.**, No. 11 C 8332 (N.D. Ill.), a securities fraud class action.

Co-lead counsel in **In re Rehabcare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation**, No. 6197-VCL (Del. Ch.), merger litigation involving the acquisition of healthcare provider RehabCare Group, Inc., by Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Class counsel in **Brown v. Charles Schwab & Co.**, No. 2:07-cv-03852-DCN (D.S.C.), one of the first cases to interpret the civil liabilities provision of the Uniform Securities Act of 2002.

Co-lead counsel in securities class action settlement **In re MBNA Corporation Securities Litigation**, No. 05-CV-00272-GMS (D.Del.).

Lead counsel for lead plaintiffs in a securities class action involving a group of shareholders who purchased publicly-traded Dell securities in **In re Dell, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. A-06-CA-726-SS (W.D. Tex.).

Co-lead counsel in **Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Association v. Medtronic, Inc.**, No. 08-6324 (PAM/AJB) (D. Minn.), representing a class of investors who purchased Medtronic common stock.

Co-lead counsel in **In re Synovus Financial Corporation**, No. 1:09-cv-01811 (N.D. Ga.), for co-lead plaintiff Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund, investors in Georgia bank Synovus Financial Corp.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and plaintiffs' liaison counsel, **In re Policy Management Systems Corporation**, No. 3:93-0807-JFA (D.S.C.).

Sole lead counsel, **In re Coventry Health Care, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 7905-CS (Del. Ch.), a shareholder class action challenging the \$7.2 billion acquisition of Coventry Health Care, Inc., by Aetna, Inc.

Co-lead counsel in Louisiana class action **In re The Shaw Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation**, No. 614399 (19th Jud. Dist. La.).

Co-lead counsel, **In re Atheros Communications Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, No. 6124-VCN (Del. Ch.), merger litigation involving Qualcomm Incorporated's proposed acquisition of Atheros Communications, Inc.

ANTITRUST/COMPETITION LAW

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee **In re Juul Labs, Inc. Antitrust Litigation**, Case No. 20-cv-02345-WHO (N.D. Cal.)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee **In re Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index Manipulation Antitrust Litigation** No. 18 CV 4171 MDL No. 2842 (N.D. Ill. Eastern Division).

Co-Lead Counsel **In re Zetia (Ezetimibe) Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2:18md2836 (E.D. Va Norfolk Division).

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of **In re Digoxin & Doxycycline Antitrust Litigation**, 16 md 2724 (E.D. Pa.)

Interim Co-Lead Counsel of **In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation**, 14 cv 2503 (D. Mass.)

Interim Co-Lead Counsel in antitrust class action **In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2542 (S.D.N.Y.).

Appointed to the Executive Committee in antitrust class action **In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2521 (N.D.Cal.).

Interim Liaison Counsel **In Re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2516 (D.Conn.).

Co-lead counsel in antitrust class action **In re Loestrin 24 Fe Antitrust Litigation**, MDL 2472 (D.R.I.).

Co-lead counsel in antitrust class action **In re Suboxone (Bupreorphine Hydrochloride and Naloxone) Antitrust Litigation**, MDL 2445 (E.D. Pa.).

Co-lead counsel in antitrust class action **In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation**, MDL 2460 (E.D. Pa.).

Co-lead counsel in antitrust class action **In re Effexor XR Antitrust Litigation**, No. 11-cv-05590 (D.N.J.).



Co-lead counsel for the end-payor antitrust class action *In re Actos Antitrust Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.).

Co-lead counsel in antitrust class action *In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 2332 (D.N.J.).

TOXIC TORTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

Co-lead Counsel in the PFAS contamination class action in the Western District of Michigan, *Beverly Zimmerman, et al., v. 3M Company, et al.*, (W.D. Mich., Southern Division) Case No. 1:17-cv-1062-HYJ-SJB (December 1, 2017).

Liaison Counsel for *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 2873 D.S.C.) regarding a fire suppressant that is part of the PFAS chemical group that allegedly contaminated groundwater and harmed people.

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the Flint, MI lead contamination class action: *In re Flint Water Cases*, No. 5:16-cv-10444 (E.D. Mich.).

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179, (E.D. La.), and lead settlement negotiators of the two class action settlements reached with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history.

Lead trial counsel in *The People of the State of California v. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al.* No. 1-00-CV-788657 (Santa Clara Cnty. Super. Ct.) Resulting in 2014 verdict holding Sherwin-Williams Company, ConAgra Grocery Products and NL Industries Inc. liable for creating a public nuisance and ordered abatement of lead paint from homes within 10 California cities and counties.

Bongani Nkala & Others v. Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited & Others, No. 48226/12 (South Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg). Motley Rice has been retained as a consultant by South African human rights lawyer Richard Spoor in his effort to take on leading global gold producers and seek justice for tens of thousands of exploited gold mine workers suffering from silicosis.

Travelers Statutory Direct Action Settlement (Bankr. Court, S.D.N.Y.), an eleven-state asbestos settlement with Travelers Insurance.

Co-lead and Liaison Counsel in *In re KBR, Inc., Burn Pit Litigation* Chair, Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and liaison counsel for plaintiffs, *In re Asbestos Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 875 (E.D. Pa.).

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and coordinating counsel, *Linscomb v. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation*, No. 1:90cv-05000 (E.D. Tex.), a national class action on behalf of asbestos victims nationwide.

Michelle McMunn, et al. vs. Babcock & Wilcox Power Generation Group, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 10-143 2:10-cv-00143-DSC-RCM

Lead plaintiffs' counsel in *Bates v. Tenco Services Inc.*,¹³² F.R.D. 160 (D.S.C. 1990), a jet fuel pollution case involving the consolidated property damage and personal injury claims of multiple plaintiffs in the Gold Cup Springs subdivision.

Executive committee member in *In re Asbestos School Litigation*, No. 94-1494 (E.D. Pa.), a national school asbestos class action.

Lead plaintiffs' counsel in *Central Wesleyan College v. W.R. Grace & Co.*, No. 2:87-1860-8 (D.S.C.), a national asbestos property damage class action.

Lead plaintiffs' counsel in *In re Raymark Asbestos Exposure Cases*, No. 87-1016-K (D. Kan.), a national asbestos personal injury class action in which 19,684 claims were resolved.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in *Cimino v. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation*, No. 1:85-CV-00676 (E.D. Tex.), an asbestos personal injury class action on behalf of approximately 2,300 plaintiffs.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in *Chatham v. AC&S, et al.*, a consolidated asbestos personal injury action involving 300 plaintiffs in the Circuit Court of Harris County, Texas.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in *Abrams v. GAF Corporation*, No. 88-5422(1) (Jackson Cty., Miss.), a consolidated asbestos personal action involving more than 6,000 plaintiffs.

Co-liaison plaintiffs' counsel in 3,000 asbestos personal injury cases in the Third Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Madison County, Illinois.

Co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in a consolidated asbestos personal injury action involving 540 plaintiffs pending in the Superior Court of Alameda County, California.

Counsel in numerous consolidated asbestos trials including 87 consolidated cases in Danville, Illinois; 300 consolidated cases in U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, Rochester, New York; 42 consolidated cases in State Court in Mississippi; and 315 consolidated cases in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Plaintiffs' lead counsel in *In re Kansas Asbestos Cases* in U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, *In re Madison County Illinois Asbestos Litigation*

Plaintiffs' lead counsel in *In re Wayne County Michigan Asbestos Cases*.

John Schumacher v. Amtico, et al., No. 2:10-1627 (E.D.Pa.), the first federal court mesothelioma case to go to trial before Eduardo C. Robreno, the judge who oversees the entire Federal Asbestos MDL, *In re Asbestos Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 875.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee of *In re Welding Fume Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1535

ANTI-TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Lead counsel in *In re Thomas E. Burnett, Sr., et al. v. Al Baraka Investment & Development Corp., et al.*, Case No. 03-CV-9849 (GBD); *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, MDL 1570 (S.D.N.Y.), a landmark lawsuit against the alleged sponsors of al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden in an action filed on behalf of more than 6,500 family members, survivors, and those killed on 9/11.

Linde et al. v. Arab Bank PLC, No. 1:04-cv-02799 (E.D.N.Y.) and *Almog v. Arab Bank, PLC*, No. 1:04-cv-05564-NG-VVP (E.D.N.Y.), one of the first lawsuits brought against an international bank for its alleged role in financing terrorism.

Mark McDonald, et al. vs. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, et al.; No. 06-CV-0729-JR (DC 04/21/06), a high-profile case involving Libya's longtime alleged sponsorship of IRA acts of terror.

Cummock, et al. v. Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, et al., No. 96-CV-1029 (D.D.C.). Victoria Cummock, Motley Rice's client, sought full accountability and a public trial as the only opt-out of the no-fault Pan Am 103/Lockerbie settlement.

Krishanthi, et al. vs. Rajaratnam, et al.; No. 09-CV-5395(D.N.J.), terrorist financing litigation against alleged financiers of the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization in Sri Lanka.

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and lead counsel for Verizon plaintiffs in *In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Records Litigation*, MDL 1791

Ng v. Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation, et al., No. 09-53 (D. R.I.), a human rights case that alleged the defendants subjected a Chinese immigration detainee to extreme physical and mental abuse and torture while in U.S. custody.

Harris, et al. v. Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, et al., No. 1:06-cv-00732-RWR (D.D.C.), a case filed against Libya involving the 1986 bombing of Berlin's LaBelle Discotheque.

AVIATION DISASTERS AND PASSENGER RIGHTS

Plaintiffs' liaison counsel in *In re September 11 Litigation*, No. 21-MC-97-AKH (S.D.N.Y.), representing 56 of the 96 families that opted out of the no-fault federal September 11 Victim Compensation Fund in liability and damages cases claims against the airlines and aviation security companies for their alleged failure to implement basic security measures.

Amanda Tuxworth v. Delta Air Lines, Inc., No. 2:10-cv-03212-RMG (D.S.C), an aviation passenger rights case involving a Delta passenger.

Chris Turner, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Tracy Turner v. Ramo LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, No. 11-14066 (Ct. of Appeals, 11th Cir.), an aviation case involving fraudulent transfer allegations in connection with a fatal plane crash.

Counsel for victims of **Asiana Airlines Flight 214**

Counsel for families of victims of **Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370**

BANKRUPTCIES

Coalition of Abused Scouts for Justice in the **Boy Scouts of America and Delaware BSA, LLC Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings** (Case No. 20-10343), on behalf of a group of firms representing thousands of survivors

Claimants' committee in *In re A.H. Robins*, a Chapter 11 Reorganization involving Dalkon Shield victims nationwide

Claimants committee in the **Camall Chapter 11**, the first bankruptcy associated with the Fen-Phen litigation

Motley Rice attorneys currently serve as a member of the trust advisory committee for several of the asbestos bankruptcy trusts formed under 524(g) of the federal bankruptcy code:

AC&S, Inc. Bankr., No. 02-12687 (D. Del.)

Armstrong World Industries, Inc., Bankr. No. 00-4471 (D. Del.)

Babcock & Wilcox Co. Bankr., No. 00-10992 (E.D. La.)

Celotex Corp. Bankr., Nos. 90-10016-8B1, 90-10017-8B1 (M.D. Fla.)

Dresser II Bankr., No. 03-35592 (W.D. PA.)

Federal Mogul Bankr., No. 01-10578 (D. Del.)

G-I Holdings Bankr., Nos. 01-30135 and 01-38790 (D.N.J.)

Johns-Manville Corp., No.82-B11656 through 82 B 11676 (S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y.)

Kaiser Aluminum Corp. Bankr., No.02-10429 (D. Del.)

Keene Bankr., No. 93B 46090,96 CV 3492 (S.D.N.Y.)

MH Detrick Bankr., No. 98 B 01004 (N.D. Ill.)

Owens Corning Corp. Bankr., No. 00-03837 (D. Del.)

Rock Wool Bankr., Nos. CV-99-J-1589-S.BK -96-08295-TBB-11 (N.D. Ala.)

Rutland Fire Clay Bankr., No. 99-11390 (D. Vt.)

Shook & Fletcher Bankr., No. 02-02771-BGc-11 (N.D. Ala.)

United States Gypsum Corp. Bankr., No. 01-2094 (D. Del.)

W.R. Grace Co. Bankr., No.s 01-1139, 01-1140 (D. Del.)

Motley Rice attorneys have served as lead or co-lead trial counsel on behalf of The Asbestos Claims Committee:

Armstrong World Industries, Inc., Bankr. No. 00-4471 (D. Del.) (estimation trial and plan confirmation trial)

Federal Mogul Bankr., No. 01-10578 (D. Del.) (estimation trial and plan confirmation trial)

Owens Corning Corp. Bankr., No. 00-03837 (D. Del.) (estimation trial and substantive consolidation trial)

Pittsburgh Corning Corp. Bankr., No. 00-22876 (W.D. Pa.) (plan confirmation trial)

W.R. Grace Co. Bankr., Nos. 01-1139, 01-1140 (D. Del.) (estimation trial and plan confirmation trial)



Motley Rice attorneys have served on The Asbestos Claims Committee involved in the formation and confirmation of various asbestos bankruptcy trusts.

AC&S Bankr., No. 02-12687 (D. Del)

Babcock & Wilcox Bankr., No. 00-10992 (E.D. La.)

Celotex Bankr., Nos. 90-10016-8B1, 90-10017-8B1 (M.D. Fla.)

Combustion Engineering Bankr., D. Del. No. 03-10495 (D. Del.)

Congoleum Corp. Bankr., No.03-51524 (D.N.J.)

Durabla Corp. Bankr., No. 09-14415 (D. Del)

Federal Mogul Bankr., No. 01-10578 (D. Del.)

G-I Holdings Bankr., Nos. 01-30135 and 01-38790 (D. N.J.)

Johns-Manville Corp., No.82-B11656 through 82 B 11676 (E.D.N.Y.)

Keene Bankr., No. 93B 46090,96 CV 3492 (S.D.N.Y.)

MH Detrick Bankr., No. 98 B 01004 (N.D. Ill.)

North American Refractories Corp. Bankr., No. 02-20198 (W.D. Pa.)

Owens Corning Corp. Bankr., No. 00-03837 (D. Del.)

Pittsburgh Corning Corp. Bankr., No. 00-22876 (W.D. Pa.)

Rock Wool Bankr., Nos. CV-99-J-I589-S.BK-96-08295-TBB-11 (N.D. Ala.)

Rutland Fire Clay Bankr., No. 99-11390 (D. Vt.)

Shook and Fletcher Bankr., No. 02-02771-BGc-11 (N.D. Ala.)

United States Gypsum Corp. Bankr., No. 01-2094 (D. Del.)

W.R. Grace Co. Bankr., No.s 01-1139, 01-1140 (D. Del.)

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Chambers USA

Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 1

2023 • 2022 • 2021



2022 Plaintiff Firm of the Year

2022 Impact Case Award: *Twitter*

Benchmark Litigation



Practice Group of the Year

Law360

2021 Securities

2021 • 2020 • 2019 • 2015 Product Liability

2018 Consumer Protection

"Elite Trial Lawyers"

The National Law Journal

2024 Consumer Protection

2023 • 2021 Government Representation

2021 Mass Torts | Pharmaceuticals

2020 Insurance Liability

2019 Bankruptcy Law

The Legal 500 – United States

Litigation editions

Product liability, mass tort and

class action - plaintiff: TIER 1

2022 • 2021 • 2020 • 2019 • 2018 • 2017 • 2016 • 2015 • 2014 • 2013 • 2012 • 2011 • 2009 • 2007

Securities Class Action Services Top 50

Institutional Shareholder Services

2022 • 2017 • 2016 • 2015 • 2014 • 2011 • 2010 • 2009

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TEAM BIOS



JOSEPH F. RICE

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FOUNDING MEMBER ATTORNEY

Motley Rice co-founder Joe Rice is recognized as a skillful and innovative negotiator of complex litigation settlements, having served as the lead negotiator in some of the largest civil actions our courts have seen in the last 30 years. *Corporate Legal Times* reported that national defense counsel and legal scholars described Joe as one of the nation's "five most feared and respected plaintiffs' lawyers in corporate America." As the article notes, "For all his talents as a shrewd negotiator ... Rice has earned most of his respect from playing fair and remaining humble." His alma mater, the University of South Carolina School of Law, rebranded in his honor in November 2023, and is now known as the Joseph F. Rice School of Law.

Joe was recognized by some of the nation's best-regarded defense lawyers as being "the smartest dealmaker they ever sat across the table from," *Thomson Reuters* has reported. Professor Samuel Issacharoff of the New York University School of Law, a well-known professor and expert in class actions and complex litigation, has commented that he is "the best strategic thinker on the end stages of litigation that I've ever seen."

Since beginning to practice law in 1979, Joe has continued to reinforce his reputation as a skillful negotiator, including through his involvement structuring some of the most significant resolutions of asbestos liabilities on behalf of those injured by asbestos-related products. He negotiates for the firm's clients at all levels, including in securities and consumer fraud, anti-terrorism, human rights, environmental, and medical drug and device cases, as well as catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. He is recognized as an AV Preeminent® rated attorney in Martindale-Hubbell®.

National Prescription Opiate MDL:

Joe is co-lead counsel in the National Prescription Opiate MDL aimed at combatting the alleged over-distribution and deceptive marketing of prescription opioids. Joe, as Chair of the opioid Negotiating Committee, worked with the committee and the Attorney General Committee to reach over \$51 billion in settlements for communities nationwide with defendants in the opioid supply chain. Motley Rice continues to represent dozens of governmental entities, including the first jurisdictions to file cases in the current wave of litigation.

AFFF MDL:

Joe was added in August 2023 as a co-lead counsel in *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2873 in U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, where he litigates for public water systems and other plaintiffs who allege toxic AFFF contamination of drinking water in hundreds of water providers' water supply, as well as groundwater near military bases, airports, and other sites where firefighting foams were used. Communities near these sites have allegedly suffered a heightened need for medical monitoring, personal injuries, property damage, and economic losses due to the discharge of toxic AFFF chemicals into the environment.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1979 (The Joseph F. Rice School of Law as of 2023)

B.S., University of South Carolina, 1976

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
American Inns of Court
American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
South Carolina Association for Justice

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Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune:

Joe serves on a court-appointed Resolution Committee that will help keep victim concerns and interests front and center in a multipronged effort to resolve claims filed through the VA and the Department of the Navy, as well as cases pending in the court system. Victims include service members, their families and civilians who lived and worked at Camp Lejeune between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987 and were exposed to toxic water sources that are believed to cause birth defects, cancer and other life-altering diseases.

Vehicle Recalls:

Joe served as a lead negotiator in the \$15 billion Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action settlement for 2.0-liter vehicles, the largest auto-related consumer class action settlement in U.S. history, as well as for the 3.0-liter settlement. Under his leadership, MotleyRice also helped negotiate a pair of Takata bankruptcy resolutions that secured funds for victims harmed by the company's deadly, explosive airbags. Joe also serves as a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation*, and was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Ecodiesel Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*.

Medical Drugs and Devices:

Joe led negotiations on behalf of thousands of women alleging complications and severe health effects caused by transvaginal mesh and sling products, including litigation in five MDLs in West Virginia. He also served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the Lipitor[®] MDL, filed for patients who alleged the cholesterol drug caused their Type 2 diabetes.

BP Oil Spill:

Joe served as a co-lead negotiator for the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the two settlements with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history. The Economic and Property Damages Rule 23 Class Action Settlement is estimated to make payments totaling between \$7.8 billion and \$18 billion to class members. Joe was also one of the lead negotiators of the \$1.028 billion settlement reached between the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., for Halliburton's role in the disaster.

9/11:

Joe held a crucial role in executing strategic mediations and/or resolutions on behalf of 56 families of 9/11 victims who opted out of the government-created September 11 Victim Compensation Fund. In addition to providing answers, accountability and recourse to victims' families, the resulting settlements with multiple defendants shattered a settlement matrix developed and utilized for decades. The litigation also helped provide public access to evidence uncovered for the trial.

Tobacco:

As lead private counsel for 26 jurisdictions, including numerous State Attorneys General, Joe was integral to crafting and negotiating the landmark Master Settlement Agreement, in which the tobacco industry agreed to reimburse states for smoking-related health costs. This remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history.

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Asbestos:

Joe held leadership and negotiating roles involving the bankruptcies of several large organizations, including AWI, Federal Mogul, Johns Manville, Celotex, Garlock, W.R. Grace, Babcock & Wilcox, U.S. Gypsum, Owens Corning and Pittsburgh Corning. He has also worked on numerous Trust Advisory Committees. Today, he maintains a critical role in settlements involving asbestos manufacturers emerging from bankruptcy and has been recognized for his work in structuring significant resolutions in complex personal injury litigation for victims injured by asbestos-related products. Joe has served as co-chair of Perrin Conferences' Asbestos Litigation Conference, the largest national asbestos-focused conference.

Securities and Consumer Fraud:

Investment funds often seek Joe's guidance on litigation strategies to increase shareholder value, enhance corporate governance reforms and recover assets. He was an integral part of the shareholder derivative action against Omnicare, Inc., *Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust v. Gemunder*, which resulted in a significant settlement for shareholders as well as new corporate governance policies.

Joe serves on the Board of Advisors for Emory University's Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims, which facilitates bipartisan discussion of ways to improve the civil justice system through the hosting of judicial seminars, bar conferences, academic programs, and research. In 1999 and 2000, he served on the faculty at Duke University School of Law as a Senior Lecturing Fellow, and has taught classes on the art of negotiating at the University of South Carolina School of Law, Duke University School of Law and Charleston School of Law.

In 2013, he and the firm created the Ronald L. Motley Scholarship Fund at The University of South Carolina School of Law in memory and honor of his co-founding Motley Rice member and friend, Ron Motley.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Forbes**

2024 America's Top 200 Lawyers– Personal Injury

Chambers USA

2019–2023 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 1

2016, 2018 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 2

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2013 "Lawyer of the Year" Charleston, SC: Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

2007–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs; Personal injury litigation – plaintiffs

2024 Corporate Governance Law; Government Relations Practice; Product Liability Litigation

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2008–2021 Class action/mass torts; Securities litigation; General litigation

Lawdragon

2016, 2018–2022 Lawdragon 500

2019–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

South Carolina Association for Justice

2018 Founders' Award

Law360

2015 "Product Liability MVP"

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Benchmark Litigation

2012–2013 National “Litigation Star”: mass tort/product liability

2012–2017 South Carolina “Litigation Star”: environmental, mass tort/product liability

The Legal 500 United States

2011–2012, 2014–2021 Legal 500 Leading Lawyer list Dispute resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action – toxic tort – plaintiff

The National Trial Lawyers

2020 Elite Trial Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award

2014 Litigation Trailblazers

2010 Top 100 Trial Lawyers™ – South Carolina

SC Lawyers Weekly

2024 Personal Injury Power List

2018 Hall of Fame honoree

2012 Leadership in Law Award

National Association of Attorneys General

1998 President’s Award

University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni Association

2011 Platinum Compleat Lawyer Award

MUSC Children’s Hospital

2010 Johnnie Dodds Award: in honor of his longtime support of the annual Bulls Bay Golf Challenge Fundraiser and continued work on behalf of our community’s children

University of South Carolina

2011 Garnet Award: in recognition of Joe and his family for their passion for and devotion to Gamecock athletics

SC Junior Golf Association Programs

2011 Tom Fazio Service to Golf Award: in recognition of promotional efforts

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center, Co-chair for inaugural Campaign for the Next Child

First Tee of Greater Charleston, Board of Advisors

American Heart Association of the Lowcountry, 2018 Heart Walk Chair



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MEMBER ATTORNEY

David Ackerman is a civil litigator with experience representing clients in complex national and international disputes at both trial and appellate levels. He plays a leading role in litigation filed on behalf of governments, state attorneys general, and other entities in order to advance public health and consumer interests.

David's practice includes pursuing litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of opioids that led to the addiction crisis, which claims thousands of American lives each year.

David's experience brings added understanding of considerations by defendants and companies involved in litigation. Prior to joining Motley Rice, he was a partner based in the Washington, D.C. office of a global law firm where he represented clients in state and federal courts, private arbitrations, and Federal Trade Commission and administrative proceedings. Among other representations at his former firm, David obtained dismissal of tort and contract claims brought against an African nation under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, served as litigation counsel for a nationwide dental management organization, and represented a major insurance company and its former CEO and CFO in a "stock drop" securities class action in the Southern District of New York. David also represented a Medicare provider in more than 6,000 recoupment appeals before the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, and counseled clients who were the subject of Federal Trade Commission investigations regarding their marketing practices.

While in law school, David served as a law clerk in the Federal Trade Commission's Division of Marketing Practices. He began his career at a D.C. law firm as a litigation associate, where he represented clients in marketing practices investigations conducted by the FTC and dozens of state attorneys general, and represented employees of a former Fortune 500 company in DOJ and SEC investigations.



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New York

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second, Fourth, Ninth, and D.C.
Circuits

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court for the District
of Columbia, Northern District of
Florida, District of Maryland,
District of New Jersey, Southern
District of New York and the
Eastern District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D. with honors, The George
Washington University Law School,
2002

B.A., Emory University, 1999

ASSOCIATIONS:

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Frank Amanat leverages more than three decades of litigation experience in both the public and private sectors. He seeks justice for whistleblowers, defrauded investors, deceived consumers, terrorism and mass tort victims, governmental entities, and people harmed by corporate or governmental wrongdoing.

Frank has led many civil cases for private plaintiffs and public sector clients in federal and state courts. His practice today focuses on representing relators in False Claims Act (FCA) qui tam matters; whistleblowers submitting confidential tips to the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and other agencies; and plaintiffs in other fraud-related litigation. He also represents defrauded investors in securities litigation, including class actions, derivative, and opt-out proceedings; consumers injured by deceptive trade practices; victims of terrorist attacks and other mass torts and human rights violations; governmental entities, and persons harmed by corporate and governmental misconduct. He provides Motley Rice clients with extensive investigatory, arbitration, trial, and appellate experience, coupled with a broad range of legal and policy knowledge.

For more than 20 years, Frank served in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, as well as the Offices of Legal Policy and Immigration Litigation. He managed over 400 cases on behalf of more than 70 federal agencies in a wide variety of litigation areas. Many of those cases were litigated under the FCA, the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), the various civil rights acts, and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). He also obtained and collected over \$15 million in asset forfeiture judgments.* Frank applies these experiences representing Motley Rice whistleblower, antitrust, securities fraud, antiterrorism, public client, and human rights clients.

In 2018, Frank was recognized with multiple awards for his work as lead counsel in *United States v. Barclays Capital*, a fraud case involving the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities that resulted in a \$2 billion settlement*—the largest single civil penalty recovery by the DOJ involving actions filed under FIRREA.

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U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, and Ninth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1991

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Pennsylvania, 1988

ASSOCIATIONS:

Federal Bar Association, Health Law Section
New York Bar Association
Eastern District Association
Harvard Law School Association
The Anti-Fraud Coalition

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Additional noteworthy cases Frank litigated prior to joining Motley Rice include:

- *Alharbi v. Miller* (Lead Counsel)
- *In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Antitrust Litig.*
- *Kuykendall v. Amazon Studios LLC* (Lead Counsel)
- *Simone v. United States* (Co-Lead Counsel)
- *State of Illinois ex rel. Edelweiss Fund LLC vs. Bank of America Capital Corp. et al.*
- *State of New Mexico v. Solvay America, Inc.*
- *Tummino v. Hamburg* (Lead Counsel)
- *United States ex rel. Gill v. CVS Health Corp.* (Lead Counsel)

Outside the courtroom, Frank spent two years directing the Government Civil Litigation Clinic at NYU School of Law as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Law. Frank served as Editor for the Harvard Law Review. After completing his legal studies, he clerked for Judge Frank E. Schwelb of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He is fluent in English, French and has a working knowledge of Farsi.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

- Practical Aspects of the Anti-Terrorism Act: "Follow the Money" or Else ..., Carver 33rd Annual Accredited CLE Update, December 2020
- Civil Rights and the Future of Qualified Immunity, 360 Advocacy, December 2020
- How Congress Can Depoliticize the Supreme Court, Law360, September 2020
- Int'l Human Rights Law Group, In the Public Eye: Parliamentary Transparency in Europe and North America (1995) (contributing author)
- The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (15th 1991) (Executive Editor)
- Recent Development, 12 J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 1081 (1989) (commenting on Fort Wayne Books v. Indiana, 109 S. Ct. 916 (1989) (applicability of civil RICO laws to obscenity violations))

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Executive Office of United States Attorneys

2020 Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney

New York City Bar Association

2018 Henry L. Stimson Medal

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)

2018 Investigation Award for Excellence

United States Department of Justice

2012 Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service

International Human Rights Law Group

1993 Annual Pro Bono Service Award



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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Andrew Arnold focuses his practice on representing institutional investors in securities fraud class actions and individuals and governmental entities harmed by corporate wrongdoing in mass tort actions.

Andrew is a member of the firm's team representing dozens of states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis.

Andrew joined Motley Rice co-founder Joe Rice in settlement negotiations in the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action on behalf of consumers whose vehicles were allegedly designed to bypass regulations. The \$15 billion settlement for 2.0-liter vehicles is the largest consumer auto-related consumer class action settlement in U.S. history. He was also a part of the Motley Rice negotiating team that helped secure resolutions with major U.S. auto manufacturers on behalf of Takata airbag victims.

Andrew also oversees the firm's Market Monitor portfolio monitoring service offered to public pension funds, unions, and other institutional investors. The service cross-references newly filed securities actions, ongoing litigation, and recent settlements with each client's portfolio to help trustees fulfill their fiduciary duties by recovering funds lost due to fraud.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Andrew practiced commercial litigation and investor-state dispute settlement in the Washington, D.C. office of a large international law firm. Before entering the legal field, he worked as a software developer and database administrator for eight years, primarily in the health care industry.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021-2024 Ones to Watch list: Litigation – Securities



LICENSED IN:

New York

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., with honors, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2013

B.A., with highest honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



BRENDAN C. AUSTIN

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Brendan Austin works to combat consumer fraud and protects public resources and interests through litigation filed for clients in the public sector.

Currently, Brendan is part of a team litigating cases against the Takata Corporation and multiple automakers for allegedly using deceptive practices to put dangerous airbags into millions of vehicles in the U.S.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Brendan practiced at a sizeable D.C. law firm where he focused on investigations and lawsuits involving consumer protection, false claims litigation, and fraudulent and deceptive trade practices for attorneys general and other public sector clients. Among other matters, he was part of a team that represented attorneys general in litigation against several nursing home chains for allegedly using deceptive marketing to increase their profits while failing to provide basic care to their elderly residents.

While pursuing his law degree, Brendan clerked for a law firm in California, completing research for complex litigation involving securities fraud and false claims. He also interned for the University of San Diego Civil Clinic, in addition to assisting with pro bono domestic violence and humanitarian cases at Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego.



LICENSED IN:

California
District of Columbia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of San Diego School
of Law, 2014

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Biola
University, 2008



JOHN A. BADEN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

John Baden represents clients harmed by asbestos exposure in individual and mass tort forums, as well as in complex asbestos bankruptcies, handling complete case management and settlement negotiations for individuals and families suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases.

Most recently, John advocated for consumers throughout Takata Corp.'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy process and helped negotiate the structure of the resulting bankruptcy agreement for personal injury claimants. John also handles the negotiation and complex case resolution of asbestos bankruptcies, including development of structured settlements with viable asbestos manufacturers and those emerging from bankruptcy. His work with the bankruptcy courts and settlement trusts aims to hold asbestos companies accountable and provide due compensation to asbestos victims. John has lectured on asbestos bankruptcy issues at a number of legal seminars.

John is involved in the settlement negotiations of medical drug and device MDLs, including the transvaginal mesh litigation *In re American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2325. He continues to be involved in negotiations related to additional TVM manufacturers. John also played a role in settlement negotiations for *In re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1871.

John has additionally been actively involved with the firm's representation of people and businesses in Gulf Coast communities suffering as a result of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He held a central role in the negotiation process involving the two settlements reached with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history.

John began his legal career as a litigation trial paralegal for Ron Motley in 1997, working with the State Attorneys General on the landmark tobacco litigation primarily in Florida, Mississippi and Texas. He also supported occupational litigation in several states, including the exigent trial dockets of Georgia and West Virginia. John served as a judicial intern for Judge Sol Blatt, Jr., of the U.S. District Court of South Carolina and Judge Jasper M. Cureton of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions–plaintiffs; Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs; Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and Western District of North Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2002

B.A., College of Charleston, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, Membership Oversight Committee, Trial Lawyers Care Committee
South Carolina Association for Justice

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KIMBERLY BARONE BADEN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

As a strong advocate for the most defenseless members of society, Kimberly Barone Baden seeks accountability and compensation for victims of corporate misconduct, medical negligence, harmful medical drugs and devices as well as environmental toxins through mass tort litigation.

Kimberly represents veterans, their families and civilians who were exposed to contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987 and were subsequently diagnosed with conditions including bladder cancer, kidney cancer and other diseases, liver cancer, leukemia, multiple myeloma, Parkinson's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, systematic sclerosis/scleroderma and aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes. She also represents children exposed in utero to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune who were born with severe birth defects.

Kimberly is no stranger to birth defect litigation. Over the years she has represented hundreds of children with birth defects allegedly caused by antidepressants, including Zoloft®, Effexor® and Wellbutrin®; as well as Zofran® which is used to prevent pregnancy-related nausea and vomiting. She previously litigated against GlaxoSmithKline in the Paxil® birth defect litigation. She served as co-lead counsel for *In re Zofran (Ondansetron) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 2657, held a seat on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Zoloft (sertraline hydrochloride) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 2342, and was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for *In re Viagra (Sildenafil Citrate) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 269. She has also managed the firm's pharmaceutical litigation regarding Crestor®, Lipitor®, Actos®, Risperdal®, incretin mimetics, and dialysis products GranuFlo® Powder and Naturalyte® Liquid acid concentrates.

Kimberly also represents elderly victims of abuse and neglect, litigating cases against nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Kimberly has spoken at numerous seminars, legal gatherings, CLEs and conferences across the U.S., including the American Association for Justice, Mass Torts Made Perfect and the National Business Institute. She has addressed a broad range of topics related to pharmaceutical drugs and elder law litigation, focusing on MDL procedures, birth defects, nursing home litigation, discovery, trial strategy and mediation. Kimberly is the former chair of the American Association for Justice's Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical Torts.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Kimberly worked on the Fen-Phen diet drug litigation and served as an attorney with the California District Attorney's Office in San Diego. Kimberly is recognized as an AV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell®.



LICENSED IN:

California
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California and District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., California Western School of Law, 1999

B.A. *cum laude*, Clemson University, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
Treasurer – Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical torts
American Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2020–2024 Personal injury litigation – plaintiffs

2021–2024 Product Liability Litigation – plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

Super Lawyers®

2013–2014 *South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list

Personal injury products: plaintiff; elder law

ALM | Southeastern Legal Awards

2023 *Best Mentor* list



FREDERICK C. BAKER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

A veteran litigator with strong roots in complex litigation, Fred Baker works on a broad range of environmental, medical costs recovery, consumer and products liability cases and holds numerous leadership roles within the firm. He represents individuals, institutional investors, and governmental entities in a wide variety of cases.

Fred leads the firm's tobacco litigation and was a member of the legal team that litigated the groundbreaking tobacco litigation on behalf of several State Attorneys General. Fred has also participated in the litigation of individual tobacco cases, entity tobacco cases and a tobacco class action.

In addition to his tobacco casework, Fred is part of the opioid litigation team which represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in litigation targeting the alleged misrepresentation and fraudulent distribution of harmful and addictive opioids by manufacturers and distributors.

Fred was also a key member of the firm's representation of people and businesses in Gulf Coast communities suffering as a result of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He held a central role in the negotiation process involving the two settlements reached with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history. In addition, his environmental experience also includes representing a state government in a case against poultry integrators that alleged poultry waste polluted natural resources.

Fred has served as counsel in a number of class actions, including the two class action settlements arising out of the 2005 Graniteville train derailment chlorine spill. He was also closely involved in the litigation surrounding the statutory direct action settlement reached in the Manville bankruptcy court and a related West Virginia unfair trade practices insurance class action.

Fred began practicing with Motley Rice attorneys in 1994 and chairs the firm's attorney hiring committee.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2020–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs

2024 Personal injury litigation – plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2019 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2016 Leadership in Law Honoree



LICENSED IN:

New York

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. / LL.M., Duke University School of Law, 1993

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1985



CHRISTINA M. BEHM

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Christina Behm litigates in state and federal courts for people who experienced life-altering complications allegedly caused by defective medical devices.

Christina is a part of Motley Rice's team of attorneys who represent hernia mesh patients in multidistrict litigation *In re Atrium Medical Corp. C-QUR Mesh Products Liability Litigation* and *In re Davol/C.R. Bard Hernia Mesh Multi-Case Management Coordination*. She also contributes to litigation filed for dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships against opioid manufacturers and distributors alleged to have played a role in the opioid crisis.

Christina began her career with Motley Rice as a law clerk in 2017, providing support to the medical device litigation team and various other trial teams through legal research, writing, and assistance with discovery.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Christina completed a number of internships and externships while undergoing her legal studies. Her experience includes a judicial externship for Judge Daniel A. Procaccini of the Rhode Island Superior Court, and acquiring research and writing experience through her internships with Rhode Island's Department of Attorney General. In law school, Christina was a member of the Honor Board, Student Ambassador, and President of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Civil Plaintiff-Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyer list, Rhode Island



LICENSED IN:

Maine
Massachusetts
Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D., Roger Williams University
School of Law, 2018

B.A., Rhode Island College, 2015

A.A., Community College of Rhode Island, 2012

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Rhode Island Association for Justice, Board of Governors
Rhode island Bar Association,
Superior Court Bench Bar
Committee, New Lawyers
Committee, Bar Journal Editorial
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LAURA K. BEHRE

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ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL

As Associate General Counsel at Motley Rice, Laura Behre manages the firm's legal matters, including employment issues, ethics, marketing, commercial contracts and legal defense. She advises the firm's nearly 65 attorneys on ethical matters, as well as develops appropriate compliance and risk management measures for the firm. In addition, Laura represents a diverse client base, including victims of sexual abuse and environmental contamination.

Laura joined Motley Rice in 2004 after several years as a civil rights attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C. She began her tenure as a political appointee for President William J. Clinton. In addition, Laura served as Deputy Director of Research at the State Affairs Company, a consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia, and as a legal fellow for the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. She began her career as a staff attorney at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Laura has served on the Board of Directors for the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, the Board of Directors for the Next Child Fund and the Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals. In her spare time, she enjoys participating on local and national political campaigns, including as a volunteer for multiple national Democratic conventions, most recently in 2012 as a member of the convention's script writing team.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Charleston Regional Business Journal

2008 Forty Under 40



LICENSED IN: South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law, 1996

M.A., University of Virginia, 1993

B.A., Agnes Scott College, 1992

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Association of Professional
Responsibility Lawyers
South Carolina Association for
Justice
South Carolina Women Lawyers'
Association



ESTHER E. BEREZOFSKY

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

A trial lawyer with more than 35 years of experience litigating complex mass torts, Esther Berezofsky has devoted her career to representing communities impacted by environmental contamination and fighting for the rights of consumers, individuals and families impacted by fraud and misconduct across a range of litigation areas.

Esther focuses her practice on protecting the rights and seeking accountability for people harmed by toxic chemical exposure—environmental and occupational—as well as patients who suffer life-altering complications caused by dangerous and defective medical drugs and devices. She serves on the Executive Committee as class counsel for residents exposed to lead contaminated water in the Flint Water Crisis litigation. She also represents residents in other communities, as well as governmental entities in the United States in PFAS litigation. Esther is also a consultant to the Flemish Minister of Justice and the Environment in Belgium in PFAS matters involving 3M and working on environmental matters in the Netherlands.

She was lead counsel for a cancer cluster of children in Toms River, N.J., the story of which is memorialized in the Pulitzer prize winning book: *Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation*.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Esther practiced as a clinical psychologist and consultant for a national network of law firms on post-traumatic stress and community trauma arising out of environmental disasters such as Three Mile Island, Pa., and Times Beach, Mo.

In addition to her environmental and toxic exposure work, Esther has held numerous leadership positions and represented clients in MDLs and other litigations involving medical drugs and devices including Medtronic® Pain and Insulin Pumps, DePuy ASR, Pinnacle and Stryker® Hip Implant cases, Benicar®, Risperdal®, Xarelto®, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), Ortho Evra®, Rezulin, PPA, Invokana®, Taxotere®, among others.

She also represents plaintiffs in consumer class actions alleging fraudulent student loan schemes and consumers in pay day lending cases. She has litigated rent-to-own and option ARM fraudulent mortgage claims, among other consumer protection cases.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Esther founded Berezofsky Law Group in New Jersey where she pursued complex consumer mass torts. Prior to that, she was a name partner in a plaintiffs' law firm in Philadelphia for more than two decades. She has been active in the legal community has held leadership roles at several law firms in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

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LICENSED IN:

New Jersey
Pennsylvania

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second and Third Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District
of New Jersey, the Eastern District
of Pennsylvania, the Eastern and
Western Districts of Michigan, and
the Northern District of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Rutgers University School of
Law, 1987

M.A., Wayne State University, 1982

B.A., Wayne State University, 1980

ASSOCIATIONS:

**Law360 Environmental Editorial
Advisory Board, 2021**

American Association for Justice,
Chair, Section on Toxic
Environmental and
Pharmaceutical Executive
Committee

Public Justice, Past President and
current member of the Board of
Directors

**New Jersey Association of
Justice,** Board of Governors

**Motley Rice LLC, a South
Carolina Limited Liability
Company, is engaged in the New
Jersey practice of law through
Motley Rice New Jersey LLC.
Esther Berezofsky attorney
responsible for New Jersey
practice.*

Active in the legal community, Esther previously served as Board President of Public Justice, a national public interest law firm, and continues to serve on its Board of Directors. She also sits on the Board of Governors of the New Jersey Association of Justice and was awarded the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service in 2008.

She is a frequent speaker and lecturer on matters related to environmental contamination and toxic exposure, product liability and mass torts. She served as an adjunct professor on trial advocacy at Rutgers Law School, her alma mater in 2014. While completing her legal studies at Rutgers Law, Esther served as an articles editor for the *Rutgers Law Journal*.

*No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Post- Traumatic Stress Disorder and the Technological Disaster, 18 *Rutgers Law Journal* 623 (1987), reprinted in *BNA Toxic Law Reporter*, Vol. 2 No. 11 (August 12, 1987)
- Toxic Tort Litigation the Future Impact of Current Legislation, *Trial Magazine* (October 1988), reprinted in *The Superfund Report*, Mealey Publications (December 1988)
- New Jersey Mass Torts & Class Action Treatise, Chapter 5 *Environmental Torts* 2016
- Legal and Liability Considerations in Asbestos, Chapter in *The Hazardous Fiber*, CRC Press, Inc. *Trial Magazine* (January 2012)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Cherry Hill, NJ

2024 Environmental Law

New Jersey Association for Justice

2021 Gerald B. O'Connor Award

2008 Gold Medal for Distinguished Service

National Law Journal

2021 Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar*

2023 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers*

Super Lawyers[®]

2007–2022 *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list*



NATHANIEL BLAKNEY

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Nathaniel Blakney works to protect the rights of consumers, businesses and others harmed by anticompetitive misconduct, including price-fixing, monopolization and restraints of trade in violation of federal and state laws.

Nathan's casework currently involves litigating a class action against Sony for alleged anticompetitive conduct stemming from Sony's decision to eliminate the sale of digital PlayStation games through retailers. That decision allegedly forced consumers to purchase digital PlayStation games at higher prices on the PlayStation Store.

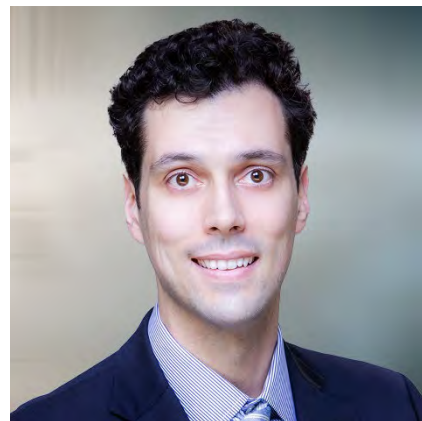
Prior to joining Motley Rice, Nathan served as an associate attorney for a large New York based securities firm. While there, he was a member of the team that achieved a historic \$1 billion* cash settlement in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*. He also was a member of the trial team in a two-week bench trial involving breach of fiduciary duty claims in *In re Straight Path Communications Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation*.

Beyond that, he litigated diverse matters that included:

- A suit against a controlling stockholder for allegedly buying outstanding company shares for unfair value
- A suit alleging an unfair tender offer that resulted in a foreign conglomerate taking over majority company control
- A disclosure violation claim against a former CEO.

Additionally, he was part of a team of lawyers that filed a derivative complaint against certain Fox Corporation executives and directors relating to the company's legal liability stemming from defamatory content broadcast during the immediate aftermath of the 2020 Presidential Election.

Nathan earned his law degree, as a Melvin G. Shimm Scholar, from Duke Law. While in law school, Nathan spent summers working at the New York office of a global law firm and a European competition law firm based in Brussels. He also concurrently served as Staff Editor for the *Duke Law & Technology Review* and Executive Editor for the *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum* and spent his final year of law school as a member of the Duke University International Human Rights Clinic.



LICENSED IN:

New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2017

MPhil, Cambridge University, 2012

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Pennsylvania, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

New York City Bar Association

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



VICTORIA D. BLATTERMAN

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STAFF ATTORNEY

Victoria Blatterman represents motorists and passengers who suffered catastrophic injuries or economic loss due to vehicle defects and malfunctions.

Victoria's casework includes representing consumers in a class action for owners of Audi vehicles with engine damage allegedly caused by timing chain tensioner defects. She also litigates for clients asserting defective airbags made by Takata or another manufacturers injured them because the airbags exploded and sprayed shrapnel or they failed to deploy. Victoria previously represented Volkswagen and Audi vehicle owners in a class action over odometer fraud and the sale of pre-production vehicles as certified pre-owned.

Prior to litigating vehicle defects, Victoria represented county and municipal governments in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors alleging deceptive marketing and fraudulent distribution of highly addictive opioids.

While in law school, Victoria completed multiple legal clerkships at plaintiffs' firms in South Carolina where she worked on personal injury cases, workers' compensation, veterans' disability claims, wrongful death claims and other matters. She also participated in Charleston School of Law's Presidential Honors Program, served as Vice President of the Maritime Law Society, was a member of the editorial board for the *Maritime Law Bulletin* and volunteered *pro bono* with Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.. Victoria is a CALI Awards recipient in Torts II, Insurance Law, and Admiralty Law.



LICENSED IN:

Minnesota
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *magna cum laude*,
Charleston School of Law, 2016

B.S., *magna cum laude*, College
of Charleston, 2010

ASSOCIATIONS:

Minnesota Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association



EBONY WILLIAMS BOBBITT

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Ebony Williams Bobbitt represents institutional investors and individuals in complex securities and consumer protection class actions that aspire to hold corporations accountable for alleged misconduct.

Ebony's casework includes litigating for U.S. tax return preparers who allege they were charged unlawful fees by the IRS to obtain their Preparer Tax Identification Numbers (PTIN) in *Adam Steele, et al. v. United States of America*, Case No. 1:14-cv-01523-RCL. She also represents a class of patients who allege Cigna Health and Life Insurance Co. fraudulently inflated copayments and coinsurance by overcharging for medical services and products, *Neufeld v. Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company et al.*, Case No. 3:17-cv-01693.

Ebony has a background in criminal justice and worked for several years as a legal assistant for the New Hanover District Attorney's Office and as a deputy clerk for the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners prior to pursuing her law degree. She gained additional legal experience while interning with the North Carolina Department of Justice during the summer of 2018 and is a former Motley Rice law clerk.



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *magna cum laude*, North Carolina Central University School of Law 2020

B.S., North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, 2012

ASSOCIATIONS:

Law360 Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board, 2019, 2021
American Association for Justice, Board of Governors; former Executive Committee member
American Bar Association
Rhode Island Association for Justice, former President
The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

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E. PAIGE BOGGS

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Paige Boggs represents public entities in complex litigation involving consumer fraud and other matters. Her casework has included representing the Mississippi Attorney General in litigation seeking to hold subprime auto lenders accountable for allegedly fraudulent lending and collection practices and assisting multiple states in litigation alleging deceptive marketing of dangerous vehicles with Takata airbags. Paige is counsel for a governmental entity in litigation against e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL, alleging unfair and deceptive marketing and sales practices. She also represents the U.S. Virgin Islands in litigation against the Estate of Jeffrey Epstein and related parties under the territory's Criminally Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. In addition, Paige is assisting multiple jurisdictions with investigations relating to drug pricing.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Paige served as an Assistant Attorney General and Supervising Attorney for the Illinois Attorney General's Office. While there, she led a coalition of State Attorneys General in combatting health fraud, and co-led multiple executive committees for multistate investigations and settlements against pharmaceutical and device manufacturers and mortgage servicers. Previously, Paige served as a law clerk for the Consumer Litigation Section of the Indiana Attorney General's Office, where she received the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Public Service.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Illinois
Indiana

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern
and Southern Districts of Indiana,
and the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION:

J.D., Indiana University Robert H.
McKinney School of Law, 2009

B.A., Tulane University, 2005



LOUIS M. BOGRAD

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Louis Bograd is a nationally recognized authority on issues of federal preemption, drug and device litigation, and jurisdiction. He has devoted much of his professional career to litigating appeals on complex issues involving products liability, Medicaid lien reimbursements, constitutional rights, and civil liberties. At Motley Rice, Lou continues his focus on appellate issues and mass torts, further enhancing the firm's active and growing complex litigation practice. Lou serves as co-chair of the Law & Briefing Committee for the *National Prescription Opiate* MDL, which is focused on combatting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of opioids.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Lou served as an appellate advocate and Chief Litigation Counsel for the Center for Constitutional Litigation where he led work in mass torts, the Class Action Fairness Act, and dispositive motions concerning consumer protection and products liability. Lou argued for plaintiffs before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding federal preemption of claims against generic drug manufacturers in *Pliva, Inc. v. Mensing* and has also participated in numerous other Supreme Court cases as counsel for petitioners, respondents, and amici curiae.

Lou has spoken on various legal topics at many seminars, CLE programs, and legal conferences across the country sponsored by, among others, the American Association for Justice, state trial lawyers associations, and Mass Torts Made Perfect. Lou has also presented at judicial education programs sponsored by the Pound Institute, the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute, the Northwestern University School of Law, and the George Mason University School of Law.

Lou's legal career began at Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C., where he managed and directed work on transfusion-associated HIV/AIDS cases on behalf of the American Red Cross. He subsequently served on the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation's national legal staff and as the legal director of the Alliance for Justice. Lou has also taught advanced torts and products liability law as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Louis M. Bograd & Andre M. Mura, *Buckman Stops Here! Limits on Preemption of State Tort Claims Involving Allegations of Fraud on the PTO or the FDA*, 41 Rutgers L. J. 309 (2009)
- Louis M. Bograd, *Be Careful What You Wish For: Drugmakers, the First Amendment, and Preemption*, 51 TRIAL 24 (Nov. 2015)
- Louis M. Bograd, *Preemption's Uncertain Path*, 47 TRIAL 20 (Nov. 2011)
- Louis M. Bograd, *W(h)ither Preemption?*, 45 TRIAL 24 (Nov. 2009)
- Louis M. Bograd, *Taking on Big Pharma- and the FDA*, 43 TRIAL 30 (Mar. 2007)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Washington, DC

2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Kentucky

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

EDUCATION:

J.D., Yale Law School, 1984

A.B., Princeton University, 1981

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Chair, Preemption Litigation Group; Member, Legal Affairs Committee

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JESSICA BOTTO

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STAFF ATTORNEY

Jessica Botto primarily represents government entities in complex litigation designed to protect public health, safety, and other interests.

Jessica is part of the team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, and municipalities in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contested cause of the nationwide opioid crisis. Jessica also represents clients in litigation involving human trafficking, financial crimes and toxic exposure. She works closely with expert witnesses in these matters.

Before joining Motley Rice, Jessica worked as a legal intern for a family law firm in Charleston, S.C., while completing her legal studies. She also served as Articles Editor for the *Charleston Law Review*, Vice President of the Environmental Law Society, Co-executive chair for the 2018 Coastal & Environmental Law Summit, and as a member of Women in Law while in law school.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. Charleston School of Law,
2019

B.A., Michigan State University,
2015

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston Bar Association



JACOB T. BRADFORD

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STAFF ATTORNEY

Jacob Bradford litigates for governmental entities in cases that seek to improve public health and safety.

Jacob is a part of Motley Rice's team that represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties, and townships in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies for the alleged deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioids. He also litigates for public clients who allege Meta and other social media companies failed to prevent underage children from being exposed to predators on their platforms. Additionally, Jacob was a part of the team representing the U.S. Virgin Islands in litigation against JPMorgan Chase and other parties accused of enabling sex trafficking at Jeffrey Epstein's private estate by failing to flag suspicious financial transactions.

Prior to his work with Motley Rice Jacob was an associate attorney and paralegal with a civil and family litigation firm in Columbia, SC. He also worked as a paralegal and law clerk with a personal injury firm during law school. He interned with the City of Charleston Legal Department assisting with research of city ordinances and drafting contracts.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2017

B.A., University of South Carolina,
2012

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association



JAMES R. BRAUCHLE

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

A former U.S. Air Force navigator, Jim Brauchle brings years of flying experience, leadership skills and knowledge of the aviation industry to his litigation work. Jim represents victims of aviation disasters and passenger rights violations in cases against the airline industry. With more than a decade of courtroom experience that includes both bench and jury trials, Jim has handled civil, domestic, and criminal defense cases from pre-trial practice through trial, post-trial motions and appeals. He not only works closely with clients and co-counsel but also with pilots, engineers and experts in such areas as wreckage inspection and flight reconstruction.

Jim had the honor of supporting the firm's work in *Bavis v. United Airlines Corporation et al.*, the last aviation security case to be resolved in the nearly decade-long consolidated litigation, *In re September 11 Litigation*, involving 56 of the 96 families who opted out of the Victim Compensation Fund in an effort to force accountability and generate answers related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He is an integral member of the aviation team representing the families of the five Italian tourists who lost their lives when a helicopter tour and small private plane collided in mid-air over the Hudson River on Aug. 8, 2009. Litigating multiple crash cases involving small private planes, he also represents the family of a pilot who was one of six people killed when a Cessna Citation 550 aircraft on a life-saving transplant mission crashed into Lake Michigan shortly after takeoff. He also represents the families of passengers who were killed in the July 7, 2013 DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter charter plane crash in Soldotna, Alaska.

An advocate for the rights of the traveling public, Jim took passenger rights case, *Amanda Tuxworth v. Delta Air Lines, Inc.*, to trial and, after a hung jury that was nine to one in his client's favor, used his negotiation skills to resolve the case in mediation prior to a re-trial. In another passenger rights case alleging negligence, breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation, *Sandie Mallard v. Airtran Airways, Inc.*, he played a central role in achieving a confidential settlement. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida ruled in favor of his client in *Chris Turner v. Ramo, LLC*, a case involving the crash of an international charter flight. This ruling was upheld by the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in February 2012. Jim also represented numerous families of those who lost their lives in the 2009 Continental Airlines/Colgan Air Flight 3407 crash, which took the lives of all 49 passengers and crew, as well as one person on the ground.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law, 2001

B.S., Lemoyne College, 1990

ASSOCIATIONS:

**American Association for Justice,
Chair of Aviation Group
South Carolina Association for
Justice**

**International Society of Air Safety
Investigators**, affiliate member
**Law360 Transportation Editorial
Advisory Board**, 2020

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Prior to joining Motley Rice, Jim worked for nearly a decade as a trial attorney representing clients injured or killed in vehicle collisions. His ability to present complex matters to a jury has served him in previous transportation cases.

Jim served as a navigator in the United States Air Force from 1991 to 2001. He was one of only five people in the entire Air Force simultaneously qualified as a C-141 Special Operations navigator, flight instructor and examiner, and was often selected to fly high visibility missions, both in the United States and abroad. Additionally, he was hand-selected to brief and demonstrate special operations capabilities to the Air Mobility Command's Director of Operations and represented the 437th Air Wing at RODEO 1996, the United States Air Force's airlift flying competition.

Jim is recognized as an AV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell®.



RILEY BREAKELL

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

With a passion for justice, Riley Breakell fights for individuals targeted by cyber-surveillance technology, patients harmed by mishandling of sensitive medical data, consumers deceived by unfair trade practices, whistleblowers who expose fraud against the government, and victims of international terrorism. Riley is also a part of the firm's team representing families and children who allege social media platforms encouraged addictive behavior resulting in emotional and physical harm.

Riley is a former Motley Rice law clerk. They also gained valuable experience interning for the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Hartford, Connecticut, and serving as a legal assistant for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services in Portland, Ore. During law school, Riley led the *Connecticut Law Review* as its Editor-in-Chief, held memberships with the Lambda Law Society and National Lawyers Guild, and worked as a research and teaching assistant in areas including civil procedure, legislation and regulation, and constitutional law.

Riley received the William F. Starr First Year Award in 2022, recognizing the first-year student achieving the highest-grade point average in the day division, and the UConn School of Law Award for Exceptional Achievement in Scholarship in 2023. They are also a three-time CALI Award recipient for Excellence in Class Performance.



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut

EDUCATION:

J.D., with honors, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2023

B.A., *magna cum laude*, College of the Holy Cross, 2017



MICHAEL M. BUCHMAN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Michael Buchman leads Motley Rice's antitrust team. Prior to joining Motley Rice, Michael served as an Assistant Attorney General in the New York State Attorney General's Office, Antitrust Bureau. He also served as a co-managing partner of the antitrust department at a large New York-based class action law firm.

Michael has served as lead or co-lead counsel for a variety of plaintiff clients, including a Fortune 500 company, a foreign government, multiple states, a city and individual consumers in complex antitrust cases concerning restraint of trade, price-fixing, monopolization and other anticompetitive conduct. His more than 25 years of antitrust experience includes playing an active role in some of the largest antitrust class actions in the history of the Sherman Act, including *In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litigation* (\$1.027b settlement)*. Michael represented the largest retailer class representative in the \$5.5 billion* *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1720.* Over the past 20 years, he has been a leader investigating and developing generic drug antitrust class actions.

He has consistently litigated these cases over the past two decades for self-insured health insurers, consumers, and governmental entities who are the intended victims of such anticompetitive schemes. Michael is one of a limited group of plaintiffs' antitrust class action lawyers who has served as lead trial counsel and tried a generic drug antitrust case. He has twice been selected as a co-chair of HarrisMartin's Antitrust Pay-For-Delay Litigation Conference (2014-2015). Some of the generic drug antitrust class actions he has been involved with include:

MOTLEY RICE CASES:

- *In re Loestrin Antitrust Litigation* (\$63.5m settlement, 2020)*
- *In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation* (\$54m settlement, 2018)*
- *In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation* (\$43m settlement, 2018)*

PRIOR TO MOTLEY RICE:

- *In re Wellbutrin SR Antitrust Litigation* (\$21.5m settlement, 2013)*
- *In re Flonase Antitrust Litigation* (\$46m settlement, 2012)*
- *In re Metoprolol Succinate End-Payor Antitrust Litigation* (\$21m settlement, 2011)*
- *In re Relafen Antitrust Litigation* (\$75m settlement, 2004)*
- *In re Augmentin Antitrust Litigation* (\$29m settlement, 2004)*
- *In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation* (\$90m settlement, 2003)*



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Districts of Connecticut and Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

U.S. Court of International Trade

EDUCATION:

LL.M., International Antitrust and Trade Law, Fordham University School of Law, 1993

J.D., The John Marshall Law School, 1992

B.A. *cum laude*, Alfred University, 1988

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MICHAEL M. BUCHMAN

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Additional cases he's actively involved in at Motley Rice include *In re Actos Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Effexor Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Suboxone Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Zetia Antitrust Litigation*.

He also has experience litigating aviation matters, including a large antitrust dispute between carriers.

Michael completed the intensive two-week National Institute for Trial Advocacy National Trial Training program in Boulder, Colo., in 2002. An avid writer, he has authored and co-authored articles on procedure and competition law, including a *Task Force on Dealer Terminations* for The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Antitrust and Trade Regulation, entitled *Dealer Termination in New York dated June 1, 1998 and What's in a Name - the Diversity Death-Knell for Underwriters of Lloyd's of London and their Names; Humm v. Lombard World Trade, Inc.*, Vol. 4, Issue 10 *International Insurance Law Review* 314 (1996).

Michael has been active in his communities having served as a member of the Flood and Erosion Committee for the Town of Westport, Ct., and presently serves as pro bono counsel in actions involving the misappropriation of perpetual care monies. He has also coached youth ice hockey teams at Chelsea Piers in New York City.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® New York, NY

2017–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Super Lawyers®

2014–2022 New York Metro Super Lawyers: Antitrust litigation



ABIGAIL BURMAN

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Abigail Burman fights for consumers who are struggling to cope with life-altering effects of negligence and misconduct by large tech companies.

Specifically, Abigail litigates for families of children who allege Instagram and other social media platforms encouraged addictive behavior in order to maximize screen time. Through lawsuits filed in state and federal courts, plaintiffs aim to prove negligent, defective platforms marketed to children and teens caused them to suffer emotional and physical harms, including death. She also represents individuals who allege their protected health information was illicitly collected by a large technology company.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Abigail completed a Justice Catalyst/Public Rights Project fellowship at Yale Law School focused on reproductive health care, public health, consumer protection, and state and local policymaking. Her research included work on the potential for the internet and other technologies to expand access to self-managed abortion. She also clerked for Associate Judge Roy W. McLeese, III of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton of the District of Connecticut.

While in law school in California, Abigail worked at a plaintiffs' firm focusing on healthcare and union-side labor and employment law, and in the Oakland City Attorney's Community Lawyering & Civil Rights Unit, where she contributed to amicus briefs and administrative comments on a range of civil rights and consumer protection issues, among other positions. Prior to law school, she worked as a legislative staffer for Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy, III, drafting bills and providing advice on gender, civil rights, economic justice, housing, health, and technology issues.

Abigail has published several articles on the intersection of state and local policy, consumer protection, and public health, including an article in the *Yale Law & Policy Review* about the harms caused by defective and deceptive health insurance directories. She served as Associate Editor for the *California Law Review*, and as Commentary and Recent Developments Editor for the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice*.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Maryland

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of California –
Berkeley, School of Law, 2020

B.A., University of Oxford,
St. Hilda's College, 2015

ASSOCIATIONS:

**District of Columbia LGBTQ+ Bar
Association**



ELIZABETH A. CAMPUTARO

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Elizabeth Camputaro is part of the team representing county and municipal governments in litigation involving opioid manufacturers and distributors for their alleged deceptive marketing and fraudulent distribution of highly addictive opioids.

In addition, Elizabeth has several years of experience representing institutional investors in complex securities fraud and shareholder derivative matters, including serving on litigation teams in class action suits filed against Medtronic, Inc, State Street Corp., Sprint Nextel Corp., and Advanced Micro Devices.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Elizabeth served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Ninth Judicial Circuit. While in law school, Elizabeth was a member of the Federal Courts Law Review, contributed more than 100 hours of pro bono service, and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Thomas L. Hughston, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Active in her community, Elizabeth previously served on the South Carolina Bar Diversity Committee, and has served as an Election Commissioner for Beaufort and Summerville municipalities, Beaufort County Council Library Board Trustee, and international missionary with Project Medishare and One World Health.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal and Fourth Circuits; U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *magna cum laude*,
Charleston School of Law, 2008

B.A., Columbia College, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston Bar Association



JESSICA L. CARROLL

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jessica Carroll works with a team of attorneys to give clients a voice against corporations that prioritize profits over individuals' health and safety. She focuses her practice on complex litigation involving medical drugs and devices as well as consumer fraud.

Jessica is part of the team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis. She also contributes to multidistrict litigation against social media platforms such as Meta Platforms, Instagram, Snap and TikTok. Plaintiffs in *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation* have alleged the defendants' platforms are defective because they are designed to maximize screen time, which can encourage addictive behavior in adolescents and result in various emotional and physical harms, including death.

Jessica first joined Motley Rice in 2019 as a law clerk while completing her law degree. At the top of her class, Jessica received several CALI Awards and was a member of the James L. Petigru American Inn of Court. She served as symposium editor for the Charleston Law Review where she worked with Furman's Riley Institute to organize one of the law school's most successful legal symposia, benefiting services that support survivors of child sexual abuse and human trafficking. In addition to her class work and work for the firm, Jessica has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Charleston and Berkeley County Public Defender's offices performing expungements for eligible clients to remove the stigma and barriers created by past criminal convictions which stand in the way of employment, housing, and child custody for many.

Prior to law school, Jessica worked for several technology companies dealing with cloud infrastructure and automotive marketing.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *magna cum laude*,
Charleston School of Law, 2022

B.A., *cum laude*, College of
Charleston, 2007

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice



GRACE P. CHANDLER

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Grace Chandler advocates for people who have suffered severe, life-altering health complications caused by dangerous and defective medical devices.

Grace's casework includes representing hernia patients alleging harm by mesh repairs involving Atrium Medical Corp.'s C-QUR mesh, Ethicon's Physiomesh Flexible Composite hernia mesh, and C.R. Bard's mesh products made of Marlex polypropylene. She also represents service members and contract workers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2003 and 2015 and later developed hearing loss or tinnitus allegedly caused by faulty earplugs manufactured by 3M and its predecessor Aearo Technologies.

Grace completed a number of legal clerkships for medical malpractice and insurance defense firms in South Carolina prior to joining Motley Rice. As a law student, Grace served as Managing Editor of the *South Carolina Law Review*, and was awarded both the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Wig and Robe in addition to being a CALI Award recipient. She is a former nationally ranked tennis player.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
South Carolina School of Law,
2019

B.A., Clemson University, 2015

ASSOCIATIONS:

**South Carolina Association for
Justice**
Charleston Bar Association



MONIQUE ALCIA CHRISTENSON

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Monique Alycia Christenson primarily represents government entities in complex litigation designed to protect public health, safety, and other interests.

Monique is part of the team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contested cause of the nationwide opioid crisis.

While in law school, Monique worked for Motley Rice as a legal secretary, paralegal, and law clerk supporting multiple litigations across a range of practice areas including consumer protection cases involving Volkswagen and Fiat Chrysler emissions fraud, toxic exposure cases involving burn pits and lead paint, as well as personal injury cases involving faulty Takata airbags and medical devices such as transvaginal and hernia meshes. Prior to joining Motley Rice, Monique gained legal experience as a paralegal for a law firm in California where she developed a respect for and fulfillment through the law by providing her local community with estate planning, trust administration, and probate services.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of West Virginia

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2018

B.A., Hawai'i Pacific University,
2013

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association



MEREDITH KAY CLARK

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Meredith Clark litigates for people suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases resulting from exposure in the workplace and secondhand exposure at home.

Meredith brings a solid understanding of the legal and factual issues critical to asbestos cases. She has coordinated the drafting and filing of hundreds of motions and responses related to the maritime docket (MARDOC) in *In re Asbestos Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 875), and has assisted on numerous other matters involving toxic exposure.

While attending the Elon University School of Law, Meredith volunteered as a student attorney with the Elon Humanitarian Immigration Law Clinic, where she represented refugees and asylum-seekers in citizenship and immigration hearings before the United States Customs and Immigration Services. She also gained experience as a law clerk for a North Carolina firm where she prepared documentation for social security disability insurance hearings before the Employment Security Commission.

Active in student organizations, Meredith was a Moot Court Board Member, a semi-finalist in the Intramural Moot Court Competition and recipient of the Best Team Brief award. She served as a member of the *Elon Law Review*, President of the Women's Law Association, and Founding Executive Vice President of the Family Law Society. In 2011, Meredith was the recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Louisiana
New York
Ohio
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Louisiana, Southern District of New York, Northern District of Ohio, District of South Carolina, Southern District of Texas, and Western District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., Elon University School of Law, 2011

B.A., Elon University, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice
South Carolina Women Lawyers Association



JESSICA C. COLOMBO

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jessica Colombo works to deter misconduct and fraud by representing individuals and institutional investors in complex securities and consumer protection class actions. In addition, Jessica's practice includes representing whistleblowers in cases involving the False Claims Act, and she contributes to the firm's appellate practice. She is also a part of the firm's team that represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and distributors for the alleged deceptive marketing and distribution of highly addictive prescription opioids.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Jessica served as a law clerk to the Honorable Bethany J. Alvord of the Connecticut Appellate Court. She gained additional experience in complex consumer fraud and product liability litigation while serving as a Motley Rice law clerk in 2016. She also interned with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut.

While completing her legal studies, Jessica served as Executive Editor of the *Connecticut Law Review*, a member of the Public Interest Law Group, and a volunteer with the International Refugee Assistance Project. She also represented criminal defendants in the University of Connecticut School of Law Criminal Trial Clinic. She received multiple CALI awards in Lawyering Process, Torts, Estate Plan/Tax Practice, and Trademark Law.

Jessica previously worked as a toll collector for the New York State Thruway Authority, where she was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 72.



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District
of Connecticut

EDUCATION:

J.D. with *high honors*, University of
Connecticut School of Law, 2017

B.A. *cum laude*, State University of
New York at New Paltz, 2014

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association



DENNIS A. COSTIGAN

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

A trial lawyer, Dennis Costigan litigates for patients who are suffering from the painful, life-altering injuries associated with allegedly faulty medical devices, working to hold accountable those responsible for inadequate product testing, research and warning.

Dennis litigates for patients harmed by defective hernia mesh, including engaging in discovery, expert, trial, and settlement work. In 2022, Dennis was member of the trial team that secured a \$4.8 million verdict* against Davol, Inc. and C.R. Bard in Rhode Island state court. Previously, he helped litigate and resolve thousands of claims brought by women harmed by defective transvaginal mesh.

Outside of his medical device work, Dennis also assists the residents of East Palestine in their litigation against Norfolk Southern stemming from a Feb. 3, 2023 train derailment and toxic chemical spill.

While in law school, Dennis was a legal intern with the Rhode Island Department of Health and Human Services performing detailed discovery and research into departmental legislation, including Medicare bankruptcy claims research. He also acquired research and writing experience as an intern at a Rhode Island law firm and as a law clerk for Motley Rice.

Dennis draws from a history of involvement in federal, state and local election campaigns, and was acknowledged with a CALI Excellence for the Future award in Judicial Behavior and Social Change during law school.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Providence, RI

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D., Roger Williams University
School of Law, 2013

B.A. *cum laude*, University of
Rhode Island, 2009

* Please remember that every case is different. Any result we achieve for one client in one matter does not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients.



SAMUEL B. COTHRAN JR.

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MEMBER AND GENERAL COUNSEL

Since the firm's founding more than 20 years ago, Sam has led its in-house legal department and provided steady guidance in a dynamic environment as the firm has tripled in size.

Sam's practice encompasses a broad range of matters impacting the firm, including risk management, professional ethics, contracts, employment, regulatory compliance, tax, governance, financing, intellectual property, marketing, and operations. He regularly advises the firm's Executive Committee, Practice Group Leaders, and Directors of Accounting, Client Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Marketing.

Sam's early career included stints as a CPA with an international accounting firm and a financial manager with several Fortune 1000 companies. After returning to school to earn his MBA and JD, he began practicing law with Motley Rice attorneys.

Honored as a Carolina Legal Scholar, Sam was inducted into The Order of the Coif and The Order of the Wig and Robe. He served as Managing Editor of the *South Carolina Law Review* and authored *Dischargeability of Consumer Credit Card Debt in Bankruptcy After Anastas v. American Savings Bank*, 48 S.C.L. Rev. 915 (1997).

Active in his community, Sam served on the Board of Directors for the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center.



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 1998

M.B.A., Duke University, 1994

B.S., *summa cum laude*, University of South Carolina, 1981

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants



SARA O. COUCH

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Sara Couch is a trial lawyer who contributes to litigation across several of the firm's practice areas, including defective medical devices, toxic exposure, consumer protection, and technology & privacy actions.

Sara spearheads Motley Rice's litigation for victims who suffered pancreatic cancer, intestinal blockages, stomach paralysis and other ailments after taking Ozempic® or Wegovy® for weight loss. As part of this litigation, Sara filed the first complaint in the nation alleging harms caused by Wegovy and strongly believes in holding companies accountable for products that target and harm women.

This litigation builds upon Sara's work on other litigations that have caused harm to women. This includes representing women who suffered devastating effects caused by medical products including Essure® permanent birth control and transvaginal mesh. Sara's extensive work with experts in Essure provided the foundation for her current service on the Science & Expert Committees for the Hair Relaxer MDL and Social Media MDL, of which Motley Rice holds leadership positions. She also serves on the Plaintiffs Steering Committee overseeing litigation filed in the District of New Jersey for women who developed BIA-ALCL, a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, allegedly caused by textured Allergan breast implants.

As a member of nearly a dozen Motley Rice trial teams, she also helped achieve multiple plaintiff verdicts for tobacco victims and a multi-million verdict for victims of toxic lead paint exposure.*

Sara is also part of the opioid litigation team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in litigation targeting the alleged misrepresentation and fraudulent distribution of harmful and addictive prescription opioids by manufacturers and distributors. Sara is proud of the various settlements that have been reached that will benefit states like Kentucky and her hometown in Appalachia.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Sara was a law clerk with the North Carolina Department of Justice, where she researched and drafted briefs and memoranda regarding the False Claims Act and Stark Law for the North Carolina Medicaid Civil Enforcement Division. She also investigated allegations of healthcare fraud and presented findings to the division.



LICENSED IN:

Florida
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina, 2013

A.B., Duke University, 2009

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
Co-Chair – Women's Trial Caucus
Publications Committee

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SARA O. COUCH

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Sara also volunteered with Legal Aid of North Carolina, assisting advocates for Children's Services with a school-to-prison pipeline project by researching education policy issues, North Carolina case law and education data to be used in education litigation. Sara completed a total of 50 hours of *pro bono* service while a student at UNC School of Law.

Active in her community, Sara previously served on the Board of Directors for East Cooper Habitat For Humanity, and currently serves on the Board of Slow Food Charleston. Sara also is part of the Roper St. Francis Xavier Society, which supports Roper Rehabilitation Hospital. An avid rower, Sara was a varsity member of the NCAA Division-I Duke University's Women's Rowing.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

"Don't Shy Away from Damages," TRIAL Magazine, July 2023.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®]

2022–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Charleston Regional Business Journal

2023 Forty Under 40

American Association for Justice

2023–2024 Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Academy, Class 10



MIKE DALY

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Mike Daly brings substantial experience representing clients harmed by defective products, pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, toxic substances, and corporate negligence in complex litigation.

Throughout his career, Mike has represented individuals across the country in mass tort and complex injury claims. Early in his career, he served as bellwether counsel on several medically related MDLs including Testosterone Replacement Therapy, Mentor pelvic mesh, GranuFlo® dialysate, and Zofran® birth injury. Additionally, Mike led his firm's efforts in the Elmiron® vision loss mass tort that was pending in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Mike was a plaintiffs' litigator at an international civil law firm for a decade, most recently serving as managing partner of its Philadelphia office. His work has resulted in millions of dollars in recovery for individuals harmed by dangerous products and corporate negligence both in the U.S. and abroad. His early work as a healthcare litigation lawyer representing medical facilities and healthcare professionals in civil liability cases has provided an additional dimension to his knowledge of these types of litigations.

Mike is co-lead counsel of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and Ethicon hernia mesh mass tort multicounty litigations (MCL) in New Jersey. He also recently served as lead counsel on behalf of hundreds of individuals in the Injectafer® intravenous iron lawsuits pending in Philadelphia state and federal court. Beyond medical litigation, Mike has also managed litigation for hundreds of plaintiffs harmed by Monsanto's herbicide Roundup® and led his former law firm's Section 1782 practice group that secured U.S.-based discovery in some of the largest foreign litigations in the world, working hand-in-hand with foreign law firms and litigants. He also serves on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Complex Litigation Center's Mass Tort Working Committee.

Beyond litigation, Mike is a frequent guest speaker on mass torts and product liability issues at seminars in the U.S. and abroad. He is a frequent lecturer at American Association for Justice (AAJ), Harris Martin, and Perrin conferences, and has also lectured at a mass torts conference held at Oxford University. Mike is the co-founder and former co-chair of AAJ's Hernia Mesh litigation group and co-founder of the Ozempic litigation group.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

The National Trial Lawyers

2023-present Top100 Trial Lawyers™: Pennsylvania (South)

2023-present Top 40 Under 40: Pennsylvania (South)



LICENSED IN:

New Jersey
Pennsylvania

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., Villanova University, 2010

B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 2007

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
Pharmaceutical and Medical
Device Section Leader,
Membership Liaison

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

New Jersey Association for Justice

Philadelphia Bar Association
Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association

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VANESSA A. DAVIS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Vanessa Davis protects the rights of individual shareholders and institutional investors by litigating complex securities fraud class actions, in addition to her work advocating for state and local governments that seek to advance public health and safety interests.

Vanessa's practice includes representing Twitter shareholders in litigation that alleged the social media giant misrepresented its daily user growth in 2015 in order to inflate its stock price. The suit resulted in an \$809.5 million proposed settlement in 2021 days before trial.

- Vanessa has additional experience in securities cases including:
- *Forsta AP-Fonden et al v. St. Jude Medical Inc et al* (\$39.25 million settlement in 2016*)
- *Hatamian v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.* (\$29.5 million settlement in 2017*)
- *KBC Asset Mgmt. v. 3D Systems Corp.* (\$50 million settlement in 2018*)
- *In re CenturyLink Sales Practices & Securities Litigation* (\$55 million settlement in 2021*)

Vanessa's work for state and local municipalities includes representing the City of Chicago in litigation alleging e-cigarette maker JUUL misled the public on the safety of its products while marketing to children. She is a part of Motley Rice's team of attorneys who represent dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and distributors for the alleged deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioids.

Prior to her work with Motley Rice, Vanessa represented clients in family court and clerked for an estate planning firm in Charleston, S.C. Vanessa also worked as a paralegal for a personal injury firm while completing her legal studies.



LICENSED IN: **South Carolina**

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law, 2013

B.A., College of Charleston, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

Charleston County Bar

Association

South Carolina Bar Association

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KEVIN R. DEAN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Focusing his litigation efforts on catastrophic injury, products liability, and wrongful death cases, Kevin Dean represents victims and families affected by hazardous consumer products, occupational and industrial accidents, fires, premise injuries, toxic exposure and other incidents of negligence.

Kevin has extensive experience litigating vehicle defect cases and serves on the Trust Advisory Committee for victims of deadly airbags throughout Takata Corp.'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy process. Additionally, Kevin advocates for consumers who own or were harmed by explosive ARC airbag inflators and non-deploy airbags. He was appointed in 2023 by Judge Eleanor L. Ross to serve on the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee for the ARC Inflators MDL No. 3051 in the Northern District of Georgia.

Kevin also represents people affected by Volkswagen's diesel emissions fraud and GM's misconduct regarding its defective vehicles in *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation*. He represents clients against "the Big Three" and foreign automotive manufacturers and has done so in cases involving defective seat backs, head restraints, brakes, door locks, door latches, seat belts and roll overs. He previously served as trial co-counsel in *Guzman v. Ford* (2001), the first case brought to trial regarding a defective outside door latch handle, and in the vehicle rollover case *Hayward v. Ford* (2005). Prior to joining Motley Rice, Kevin was a member of the plaintiffs' litigation team in the defective seat belt case, *Malone v. General Motors Corporation* (1998).

Outside of his vehicle defect work, Kevin is a key member of the Motley Rice team representing service members, their families, and civilians who were exposed to contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Committed to occupational safety, Kevin also secured a jury verdict against SAR Automation, L.P., for \$8.8 million in the wrongful death of a worker who fell at a Boeing facility and left behind a widow and two small children.*

Kevin has been involved in several investigations of catastrophic fire cases and reached a multi-million dollar settlement for the surviving children of a couple tragically killed in a house fire allegedly caused by defective electrical wiring in a golf cart. Kevin was lead plaintiffs' counsel in *In re Charleston Firefighter Litigation*, a wrongful death and negligence case against Sofa Super Store, contractors and furniture manufacturers brought by the families of the nine firefighters who died in the 2007 Sofa Superstore warehouse fire.

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LICENSED IN:

Georgia
Mississippi
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S District Court for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Georgia, Central District of Illinois, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi and District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Cumberland School of Law, 1991

B.A., Valdosta State University, 1989

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, South Carolina Association for Justice, Executive Committee and Board of Governors—Circuit 9
Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
Southern Trial Lawyers Association
Attorneys Information Exchange Group, Board of Directors

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KEVIN R. DEAN

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Since the 2010 explosion of the *Deepwater Horizon*, Kevin has been helping people and businesses pursuing litigation along with filing and negotiating claims for others through the programs the two BP settlements established. He also was a member of the oil spill MDL's GCCF Jurisdiction & Court Oversight Workgroup.

Kevin also litigated the health insurance fraud and post-claims underwriting case *Clark v. Security Life Insurance Company*, the largest civil RICO case in Georgia history, and *Wiggins v. Parsons Nursery*, one of the largest environmental and health contamination cases in South Carolina. Kevin served as a County Commissioner on the Early County Georgia Board of Commissioners and still holds the honor of having been the youngest elected commissioner in county history.

Kevin frequently appears in local and national broadcast and print media discussing legal matters of workplace safety, fire prevention and other products liability, as well as specific casework and efforts for changes and improvements in various industries. Recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney Martindale-Hubbell[®], Kevin co-authored "Dangerous Doors and Loose Latches," published in *Trial Magazine* (2004) for the American Association for Justice, and authored "The Right to Jury Trial in ERISA Civil Enforcement Actions" published in *The American Journal of Trial Advocacy* (1989).

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2017–2024 Personal injury litigation – plaintiffs

2019–2024 Product Liability Litigation – plaintiffs

South Carolina Super Lawyers[®] list

2015–2020 Personal injury–general: plaintiff; Personal injury–products: plaintiff;
Personal injury–medical malpractice: plaintiff

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012–2013 National "Litigation Star": mass torts/product liability

2012–2013 South Carolina "Litigation Star": product liability



NELSON L. DRAKE

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Nelson Drake litigates as part of Motley Rice's tech and media team, pursuing cases that seek to protect consumers' privacy and well-being against social media companies and online service providers.

Nelson's practice includes representing people who suffered emotional and physical harms allegedly caused by social media platforms such as Meta Platforms, Instagram, Snap and TikTok that are accused of encouraging addictive behavior to maximize screen time. In a rapidly changing legal landscape, he works on new case development related to digital privacy, deepfakes, cryptocurrencies, broadband and other emerging technologies.

Prior to his tech and media work, Nelson worked on the firm's team representing dozens of states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis. He also represented a government entity in litigation against e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL, alleging unfair and deceptive marketing and sales practices. Additionally, Nelson worked on multiple drug pricing investigations on behalf of public clients.

Before joining Motley Rice, Nelson worked as a summer associate at a business law firm in Savannah, Ga., where he assisted with civil litigation relating to real property disputes. He analyzed developments in the scope of non-competition clauses and the applicability of federal trade secret regulations in employment contracts. He also was a trademark protection manager for the National Grange of the Order of the Patrons on Husbandry in Washington, D.C., where he drafted license agreements, performed trademark infringement analysis, and conducted quality control operations to manage trademark infringement violations.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia

EDUCATION:

J.D., American University
Washington College of Law, 2018

B.A., Georgia College and State
University, 2015

ASSOCIATIONS:

D.C. Bar Association



JOHN C. DUANE

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Former federal prosecutor John Duane applies his experience prosecuting criminal matters to his work representing clients harmed by defective medical devices, implants and drugs, as well as a variety of cases related to negligence, defective products and vehicle incidents.

John works with co-counsel to represent clients in national litigation who have been injured after receiving allegedly defective hip replacement devices, including DePuy® ASR™, DePuy® Pinnacle®, Biomet M2a-Magnum™, Stryker® Rejuvenate, Wright Medical Conserve® and Zimmer Durom®. He was actively involved in the *In re Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litigation*, a federal MDL involving people who suffered from injuries allegedly caused by heart defibrillator lead wires. He was also an integral part of the litigation involving the drugs Advair®/Serevent®, Traslolol®, Zicam® and Fen Phen®.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, John prosecuted cases in a variety of areas, including financial crimes, wire and mail fraud, corporate fraud and violent crimes. In this role, he also served as the lead trial attorney on several jury trials and trained new prosecutors in caseload management, procedures and trial technique.

Previously, John served as a law clerk to Senior United States District Judge C. Weston Houck, assisting with all phases of civil and criminal trials, including pre-trial and post-trial motions, evidentiary rulings and research in class actions, transportation and design defect cases, shareholder derivative actions and whistleblower actions.

Active in his community, John volunteers as a children's soccer coach and contributes his time to various youth programs at his church.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

2004 Assistant U.S. Attorney of the Year, Charleston Division



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1998

B.A., College of Charleston, 1994

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice

American Bar Association

South Carolina Association for Justice

South Carolina Bar Association

Charleston County Bar Association



ETHAN B. DUBOIS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Ethan DuBois supports local communities and people through litigation that aims to safeguard public health, resources and other interests.

Ethan is a part of the team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis. He also litigates for thousands of Flint, Mich., residents who are seeking solutions to the City's water crisis after being exposed to toxic lead and other harmful substances.

Ethan interned for a number of law firms in Charleston, S.C., while pursuing his legal studies. He initially joined Motley Rice as a law clerk in 2018, providing support for the firm's public clients.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Civil Plaintiff-Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyer list, South Carolina



LICENSED IN:

Minnesota
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2018

B.S., Texas A&M University, 2013

ASSOCIATIONS:

**American Association for Justice,
American Bar Association
Minnesota State Bar Association
North Carolina Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Tennessee Bar Association**



ELIZABETH COOKE ELSNER

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COUNSEL

Liza Elsner's practice ranges from helping clients injured by acts of corporate negligence to seeking improvements in worker and environmental health and safety. She was heavily involved in the firm's consultation work for South African human rights lawyer Richard Spoor in bringing historic litigation: seeking justice for tens of thousands of gold mine workers suffering from silicosis. Few class actions have been brought in South Africa, and the litigation was the first of its kind filed for sick workers in the country's history. A settlement was reached for injured miners and their dependents in May 2018, which if approved by the Court will provide meaningful compensation to thousands of gold mineworkers with silicosis.

Liza was also part of the team representing individual smokers and families of deceased smokers against tobacco manufacturers in the Engle-progeny litigation pending in Florida.

Liza redirected her career to plaintiffs' law after working several years with large defense firms. At Motley Rice, she has represented welders harmed as a result of corporate malfeasance and conducted client relations and trial preparation for welding rod cases. In 2008, Liza was a member of the trial team that obtained the first welding fume plaintiff verdict in Mississippi state court since 2003.

Liza has advocated for domestic violence victims' rights by participating in training programs and *pro bono* litigation. She served as articles editor for the *South Carolina Law Review* while a law student at the University of South Carolina School of Law and is a member of the Order of the Wig and Robe.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Public Justice Foundation
2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Middle,
Eastern and Western Districts of
North Carolina and District of
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
South Carolina School of Law,
1999

B.A., University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill, 1995

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similar outcome.



MICHAEL E. ELSNER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Michael Elsner litigates complex civil matters on behalf of people and businesses victimized by commercial malfeasance, violations of human rights, acts of terrorism, occupational disease and environmental disasters. He manages large-scale cross-border litigation and conducts detailed factual investigations.

Michael's understanding of the complex legal challenges in international litigation is critical to uncovering admissible evidence and developing opportunities for client recovery. He tracks historical corporate conduct and uncovers illicit finances, money laundering and terrorist financing through a maze of international banking and financial regulations. His investigations have aided victims of human rights abuses and plaintiffs harmed by financial crimes. Through these efforts he has held global institutions and organizations accountable.

Michael leads the firm in its role as consultant to South African human rights lawyer Richard Spoor, seeking justice for tens of thousands of gold mineworkers who are suffering from silicosis. Few class actions have been brought in South Africa, and this is the first of its kind for sick workers. Michael was a lead negotiator of the settlement agreement reached for sick gold miners and their dependents. The settlement generated an unprecedented means of recovery and helped ensure meaningful access to justice for the indigent and rural workers who are dying from this entirely preventable yet incurable disease.

Michael was lead plaintiffs' counsel in the historic litigation, *Linde et al. v. Arab Bank*, a suit brought by victims of terrorist attacks in Israel that alleged Arab Bank played a role in financing Hamas and other Israeli terrorist organizations. This litigation marked the first time a financial institution was brought to trial under the Anti-Terrorism Act. The case resolved through a confidential settlement. Michael was also co-lead counsel in a parallel suit, representing thousands of non-U.S. citizens, *Jesner v. Arab Bank*, which was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court under the Alien Tort Statute regarding violations of customary international law by foreign corporations.

He also plays a leading role with Motley Rice's team of attorneys in representing states and municipalities against the opioid industry, including manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies. This litigation alleges opioid companies created and fueled the opioid epidemic that claims thousands of Americans every year, through deceptive marketing and over distribution of highly addictive opioids.



LICENSED IN:

New York
South Carolina
Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 1997

B.A., John Carroll University, 1993

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
New York Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association,
International Law Committee
Virginia Bar Association
National Crime Victims Bar Association
Public Justice Foundation

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As a leading member of the firm's antiterrorism and human rights practice, Michael represents U.S. military service members and contractors who were injured by EFP roadside bombs while serving in Iraq. He also leads the worldwide investigation for liability evidence in the 9/11 Families United to Bankrupt Terrorism civil action against al Qaeda's alleged financiers and supporters. In this capacity, Michael meets with U.S. and foreign intelligence officers, witnesses, and informants, who have already helped him gather more than two million pages of documents in numerous languages identifying the activities of al Qaeda and its financiers. He is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for this multidistrict litigation filed on behalf of more than 6,500 families and survivors of the 9/11 attacks. He also served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Committee in *In re September 11th Litigation*, a suit brought against the airline industry alleging that it failed to detect and prevent the attacks.

Michael's work with financial transaction litigation includes commercial, securities fraud and shareholder derivative cases such as his extensive work on behalf of domestic and foreign investors in *In re Vivendi Universal, S.A. Securities Litigation*.

Michael began his career with the Manville Personal Injury Trust and then practiced complex civil litigation in New York in the areas of toxic torts, security, personal injury, bankruptcy, and whistleblower protections prior to joining Motley Rice attorneys in 2002.

Sharing his experience and insight as a lecturer and consultant, Michael has discussed anti-terrorism and human rights litigation on several national and international news outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, NPR and the BBC, as well as international anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism industry conferences.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2024 Product liability litigation—plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

2014–2015 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America

2010 Lawdragon™ 3,000

Public Justice Foundation

2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year

Benchmark Litigation

2016–2018 South Carolina "Litigation Star": personal Injury, product Liability, general commercial, professional liability

National Law Journal

2014 Litigation Trailblazers

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2014 Leadership in Law Honoree



ANN E. RICE ERVIN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Ann E. Rice Ervin represents victims faced with unexpected health complications caused by harmful pharmaceutical drugs and defective medical devices. Through the pursuit of complex medical mass tort litigation, Ann works to hold accountable those responsible for corporate wrongdoing and inadequate product warning, research and testing.

Ann is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for people who allege serious side effects from Elmiron®, the only FDA-approved treatment for interstitial cystitis.

Her advocacy for the vulnerable includes representing children who developed defects in utero after their mothers took Zofran® to treat pregnancy-related nausea and vomiting. She also represents patients who were diagnosed with melanoma after taking Viagra®, Cialis or other PDE5 Inhibitors to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension, a type of blood pressure condition.

In addition, Ann has played an instrumental role in the firm's handling of pharmaceutical litigation regarding medical drugs Zoloft®, Lipitor® and Actos® as well as dialysis products GranuFlo® Powder and NaturaLyte® Liquid acid concentrates.

Ann joined Motley Rice as an associate after first serving for two years as a law clerk for a New York plaintiffs' law firm while simultaneously earning a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics from New York University. As a law clerk, she gained experience conducting legal research and analysis for complex environmental litigation involving landfills, toxic spills, vapor intrusion and water contamination. The combination of her legal skills and knowledge of the bioethics field, specifically as it relates to the world of medicine, is an asset in litigation on behalf of medical clients.

While earning her bioethics degree, Ann interned with the Ethics Committee and Ethics Consultation Service at the Medical University of South Carolina, which she joined in 2012 as a Community Representative to help facilitate discussions among patients, families and hospital staff in an effort to resolve ethical conflicts. She continues to be involved with the Committee as a complement to her work in the legal field. In 2011 and 2012, Ann worked as a research assistant on an experimental philosophy study determining the role of bioethics in clinicians' moral reasoning, specifically examining clinicians at three Charleston hospitals. This project was ultimately chosen to be part of Yale University's Experiment Month contest.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

M.A., New York University, 2012

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2009

B.S., University of South Carolina, 2006

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association

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During law school, Ann worked as an intern for Washington Governor Christine O. Gregoire. She also served as a summer special project research assistant with Duke University School of Law and focused her research on exploring whether the law imposes barriers or obligations to medical providers who wish to treat illegal immigrants for ethical reasons.

As part of her ongoing commitment to supporting children's rights and well-being, Ann helped establish the Lisa S. Rice and Ann E. Rice Ervin Child Advocacy Award Endowment. The endowment assists law students concentrating in various aspects of the law directly benefiting children and families by completing the Children's Law Concentration at the University of South Carolina, Joseph F. Rice School of Law. Additionally, she sits on the Board of Trustees for the Charleston Day Schol and actively supports the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center and the Medical University of South Carolina Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.

Ann currently serves as a faculty member at the Medical University of South Carolina as part of the distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Ethics Fellowship program, where she regularly speaks. Ann has also presented on a variety of topics at numerous legal conferences including HarrisMartin, Mass Torts Made Perfect and AAJ conferences.

Outside of her academic and professional commitments, Ann has supported several organizations in a variety of ways including the Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital, Relay-for-Life, Meals on Wheels, The Angel Tree, Project Clean Carolina, South Carolina Junior Golf, First Tee of Charleston, SC Bar Young Lawyers Division Cinderella Project, and the Charleston Jr. League's Bridal Boutique initiative. She is also an equestrian since 1988 and national level competitor in the hunters/jumpers division since 1994.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Best Lawyers®** Charleston, SC**2022** *Ones to Watch* list: Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs;
Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs**Law360****2020** *Rising Stars* list: Product liability**South Carolina Super Lawyers®** *Rising Stars* list**2019** Personal injury–products: plaintiffs



JOHN M. EUBANKS

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With extensive experience investigating terrorist organizations and terrorist financing in the Middle East, John Eubanks represents victims, survivors and their families in litigation designed to bankrupt the financiers of terror, crippling their ability to recruit, train, supply and dispatch terrorist operatives.

John is substantially involved in the firm's litigation on behalf of foreign terror victims and victims of international human rights abuses. He was a key member of the litigation team prosecuting *Linde et al. v. Arab Bank Plc*, the first litigation against a financial institution brought to trial under the Anti-Terrorism Act. In this historic litigation, John also played an integral role in pursuing Alien Tort Statute claims that were argued before the U.S. Supreme Court for a separate class of plaintiffs against Arab Bank.

John is also a member of the team pursuing a civil action against al Qaeda's alleged financiers and supporters arising out of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He has pursued litigation against Libya for allegedly providing material resources to the Provisional Irish Republican Army, resulting in the death and injury of citizens of the United States and United Kingdom. John plays a key role in *Krishanthi, et al. v. Rajaratnam*, a case brought under the Alien Tort Statute involving allegations of American-sourced financing for dozens of terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka carried out by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. He was also extensively involved in an Alien Tort Statute case on behalf of young boys allegedly kidnapped for enslavement as camel jockeys in the United Arab Emirates.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2004, John served as counsel in a case brought under the Anti-Terrorism Act against various charitable organizations and political groups in the U.S. for supplying Hamas with material support and financial resources in the groundbreaking *Boim v. Quranic Literacy Institute*.

John has drafted various "friend of the court" briefs to the Supreme Court on issues related to anti-terrorism and customary international law on behalf of a broad range of individuals and organizations.

John has also handled multiple personal injury and wrongful death cases involving tour bus and commercial truck crashes, both domestic and international. In 2010, a tour bus operated by Boston-based Grand Circle Travel crashed near Aswan, Egypt, killing eight passengers and injuring numerous others. John and the Motley Rice litigation team filed suit on behalf of seven of the victims of the crash against the tour operator and negotiated a settlement for our clients in 2015.*



LICENSED IN:

Maryland
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits

EDUCATION:

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2003

B.S., Georgetown University, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
American Bar Association,
Section of International Law
South Carolina Association for Justice
Charleston County Bar Association

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A former independent terrorism consultant for the Washington, D.C.-based think tank, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, John served as a liaison and researcher working with the FBI, INS, and U.S. Customs on terrorism financing investigations related to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations.

John is a published author on counterterrorism and security and was a central contributor to the non-fiction work *American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us* (Free Press 2002), which details the activities of organizations and individuals within the U.S. who provide material support and/or resources to Middle Eastern and Islamic terrorist organizations abroad.

John lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with his wife and two children, and serves as a deacon in his church.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Lawdragon**

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Public Justice Foundation

2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year



OLUTOLA "TOLA" FAMILONI

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Tola Familoni represents victims of aviation disasters and their family members against catastrophic corporate negligence.

Tola litigates for the surviving families of three soldiers in a case alleging negligence on the part of numerous contractors in a deadly Black Hawk crash at Hunter Army Airfield. The case alleges that an improperly torqued spanner nut and a missing cotter pin resulted in the loss of tail rotor authority and the resulting crash of the helicopter.

Previously, Tola represented consumers who allege Johnson & Johnson's talc-based baby powder caused their cancer. He represented the City of Chicago in litigation alleging e-cigarette maker JUUL misled the public on the safety of its products while marketing to children. Tola was also a part of Motley Rice's team of attorneys representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties, and townships in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and distributors for the alleged deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioids.

Before joining Motley Rice, Tola worked for several years as an Assistant Public Defender in Charleston County, S.C., where he tried multiple cases to verdict. Tola completed several legal internships prior to his work as a public defender, including assisting indigent clients through the Legal Aid of North Carolina nonprofit law firm, supporting legal services for immigrants through the Faith Action International House, and assisting with FOIA responses at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. While completing his Juris Doctor, he was an alumni ambassador and a recipient of the Dean's Award. He also was active in the Black Law Students Association, Trial Advocacy Board, National Lawyers Guild, and the Guilford Inn of Court. Upon graduating he was selected to join the Order of the Barristers, a national honorary organization recognizing law school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in written and oral advocacy.

Tola currently serves on the Board of Directors for Charleston Legal Access and South Carolina for Criminal Justice Reform. An avid soccer player, Tola competed in the NCAA's Little East Conference and mentors youths as a soccer coach.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Elon University School of Law,
2017

B.A., University of Massachusetts –
Boston, 2014

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
Secretary - Aviation Section

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar
Association



NATHAN D. FINCH

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Nate Finch has nearly 30 years of experience representing people who were hurt or killed by corporations that put profits over people's health.

In the early 1990's Nate represented coal miners who were injured or killed after their employers failed to follow their own safety rules. Beginning in the late 1990s Nate began representing victims of asbestos exposure, both in individual cases before juries and in multi-plaintiff cases in bench trials before federal district court judges when asbestos companies and/or their shareholder owners tried to use the bankruptcy process to defeat the claims of approximately 100,000 injured workers. He has extensive experience involving a wide variety of asbestos-containing products, including gaskets, automotive brakes, floor tiles, joint compounds, baby powder, and various forms of insulation.

One of Nate's more recent asbestos individual plaintiff jury trials received national attention when he reached a settlement mid-trial against Baby Powder manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.

In the bench trials involving asbestos defendants, Nate tried four cases to judgment where he won verdicts in favor of his clients that exceeded \$1 billion each:

MOTLEY RICE CASE:

- In re Bondex (\$1.1 billion*) (W.D. Pa. 2013).

PRIOR TO MOTLEY RICE:

- In re Owens Corning (\$7 billion*) (D.Del. 2005)
- In re Armstrong World Industries (\$3 billion*) (D. Del. 2006)
- In re Turner & Newall (\$9 billion*) (D.Del. 2005)

When he isn't trying cases against asbestos companies, Nate represents individual smokers in cases against Big Tobacco, which intentionally designed their cigarettes to be highly addictive without telling smokers they were doing so. Nate has obtained plaintiffs' verdicts in several cases for smokers who started smoking in the 1960s (or earlier) before warnings were on the packages. Martindale-Hubbell® has recognized Nate as an AV® rated attorney for more than 20 years.

Nate was a member of the Virginia Law Review and the Order of the Coif and is a former scholarship athlete on the varsity track and cross country teams at UVA.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the Western District of Michigan, the Eastern District of Virginia, the Western District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1992

B.A., University of Virginia, 1989

ASSOCIATIONS:

**American Association for Justice
The Barristers**

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Washington, DC

2022–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions–plaintiffs

2023–2024 Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs

2024 Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers® list

2012–2017, 2019–2020 Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Personal injury – general: plaintiff; Securities litigation

Benchmark Litigation

2013–2017 Washington, D.C. “Litigation Star”: bankruptcy, general commercial, product liability, securities, white collar crime

American Association for Justice

2013 Wiedemann & Wysocki Award

Chambers USA

2009–2010 “Top Lawyer”: bankruptcy and restructuring



FIDELMA L. FITZPATRICK

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Fidelma Fitzpatrick represents people and communities in toxic tort and environmental matters, including property damage and personal injury claims. Her experience with complex civil litigation has led her to represent other victims of corporate malfeasance, including thousands of women who suffered health problems after receiving medical devices such as Essure®, pelvic mesh/sling products and IUDs, as well as people harmed by consumer products such as chemical hair straighteners.

In addition to her toxic tort and medical casework, Fidelma also represents states, cities, counties and townships in litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies in their claims the companies engaged in deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioids, creating and fueling the deadly opioid crisis.

In 2023, Honorable Mary Rowland appointed Fidelma as co-lead counsel for MDL 3060 *In re: Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* in the Northern District of Illinois. Plaintiffs in the MDL developed uterine cancer and other illnesses after using certain chemical hair relaxers. They assert defendant manufacturers failed to adequately test the products and warn customers about potential harms. Fidelma is also lead counsel of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the coordinated Essure® litigation in California against Bayer Corp., and she serves on the PEC for Paragard® IUD multidistrict litigation filed in the Northern District of Georgia for women who suffered severe effects seemingly linked to the birth control devices. She also serves as co-lead counsel of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for a Philadelphia mass tort filed for farmers, railroad workers and others who developed Parkinson's Disease after using Paraquat weed killer.

In 2012, Fidelma was appointed co-lead counsel of the pelvic mesh MDL *In re American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation* in the Southern District of West Virginia. She also holds leadership roles in pelvic mesh state court litigations, including serving as liaison counsel in the American Medical Systems cases consolidated in Delaware and the Boston Scientific cases consolidated in Massachusetts. She continues to represent women who experienced complications after receiving pelvic mesh/sling products. Filed cases are against defendants including Boston Scientific, C.R. Bard, Inc., and Ethicon.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Massachusetts
New York
Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Fourth, Seventh and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, District of Massachusetts, District of Rhode Island, Western District of New York, Eastern District of Missouri, and Eastern District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, American University, 1994

B.A., Canisius College, 1991

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
American Civil Liberties Union, Volunteer attorney
Public Justice Foundation, Rhode Island State Coordinator
Rhode Island Association for Justice
Rhode Island Women's Bar Association

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In addition to her leadership appointments in various mass tort actions, Fidelma regularly serves as trial counsel in varied product liability and medical device cases on behalf of Plaintiffs. She was co-lead trial counsel in the lead paint pigment case, *The People of California v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al.*, in which Motley Rice represented 10 California cities and counties against national lead paint pigment manufacturers. In January 2014, the court ruled Sherwin-Williams Company, NL Industries, Inc., and ConAgra Grocery Products Company created a public nuisance by actively promoting lead for use in homes despite knowing that it was highly toxic. The parties subsequently reached a \$305 million settlement that established an abatement fund to remove toxic lead paint from homes and protect the health and safety of thousands of California children.

Fidelma also held a central role in the state of Rhode Island's trial against former corporate manufacturers of lead paint pigment. She continues to litigate cases seeking to hold the lead paint pigment industry accountable for the childhood lead poisoning crisis and provide restitution and compensation to affected children and families. As a result of her work for lead poisoning victims, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court became the first to recognize the legal rights of poisoned children to sue lead paint pigment manufacturers.

Fidelma began working with Motley Rice attorneys in 1997 on the Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island lawsuits against the tobacco industry. She serves on the Board of Regents at Canisius College and frequently speaks on environmental and mass tort topics at conferences for federal and state court judges, attorneys, academic professionals and law students.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

"Painting Over Long-Standing Precedent: How the Rhode island Supreme Court Misapplied Public Nuisance Law in *State v. Lead Industries Association*" *Roger Williams University Law Review* (Summer 2010)

"Access to Justice: The Use of Contingent Fee Arrangements by Public Officials to Vindicate Public Rights" *Cardozo J.L. & Gender* (Spring 2008)

"Negligence in the Paint: The Case for Applying the Risk Contribution Doctrine to Lead Litigation" in *Pace Environmental Law Review* (Fall 2008)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Chambers USA**

2023 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 2

2021, 2022 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 3

Best Lawyers® Providence, RI

2008–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Law360

2021 Titans Of The Plaintiffs Bar

2019 "Product Liability MVP"

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FIDELMA L. FITZPATRICK

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Rhode Island Super Lawyers[®] list

2008, 2010–2023 Environmental litigation; Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Class action/mass torts

National Law Journal

2019 Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar

2018 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers

2015 Outstanding Women Lawyers

Lawdragon

2023 Lawdragon Legends

2014–2024 Lawdragon 500

2019–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

The Legal 500 United States

2013, 2014, 2018 Dispute resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action – toxic tort – plaintiff

The National Trial Lawyers

2010–2013 Top 100 Trial Lawyers[™] – Rhode Island

Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly

2006 Rhode Island Lawyer of the Year

Public Justice Foundation

2014 Trial Lawyers of the Year

2006 Finalist: Trial Lawyers of the Year award



JODI WESTBROOK FLOWERS

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

A veteran of the courtroom, Jodi Westbrook Flowers seeks to protect the health, safety and rights of consumers, families, investors, workers, and victims of crime and terrorism. Jodi has litigated a wide range of cases involving tobacco, asbestos, lead pigment, aviation disasters, consumer fraud, cybersecurity and product defects, as well as terrorist financing and human rights violations. She also represents public entities seeking to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable for allegedly deceptive marketing and distribution practices that contributed to the nation's opioid crisis.

In the vehicle defect multidistrict litigation, *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation*, Jodi works on cases related to economic loss due to faulty ignition switches installed in more than 14 million recalled GM vehicles. Previously, she worked to demonstrate the necessary minimum contacts within the U.S. for the exercise of personal jurisdiction over Bridgestone Corporation in the class action for damages allegedly caused by vehicle and tire defects, *In re Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., ATX, ATX II and Wilderness Tire Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 00-MDL-1373-SEB (S.D.Ind.). She also led a team at Motley Rice in the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action litigation, working on behalf of defrauded consumers in the \$15 billion settlement deal for 2.0-liter vehicles. The settlement was the largest auto-related consumer class action in U.S. history, and among the fastest reached of its kind. Jodi represents clients who have raised similar allegations against Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, claiming the automaker installed emissions cheating software in thousands of 3.0-liter diesel vehicles, in *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practice and Products Liability Litigation*.

Jodi serves as co-liaison counsel and represents victims in the 21st Century Oncology data breach multidistrict litigation. She also represents consumers and businesses impacted by security flaws believed to affect virtually all Intel Corp., computer processors.

Jodi handles a variety of cases regarding the state-sponsorship of international terrorism, as well as human rights litigation involving violations of international law and human rights abuses. Jodi now leads the legal team founded by Ron Motley that brought the groundbreaking litigation against the financiers and material supporters of al Qaeda. Representing thousands of family members and survivors of Sept. 11, 2001, in a pioneering civil action to hold al Qaeda's sponsors accountable and cut off the terror support pipeline, she serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001* litigation consolidated by the Multidistrict Litigation Panel. She aided 9/11 victims and families in their years-long push to pass the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, which became law in 2016.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, and District of Columbia Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, Carolina Legal Scholar, 1993

B.A., *magna cum laude*, College of Charleston, 1989

ASSOCIATIONS:

Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice

American Bar Association, SIL-International Human Rights Committee

South Carolina Bar Association, SC Women Lawyers

Charleston Bar Association
Daughters of the American Revolution

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

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Jodi is currently involved in processing claims for the new Victims' Compensation Fund for first responders, area residents, and anyone whose health may have been affected by exposure to environmental toxins released in the terrorist attacks. She was also an integral member of the Motley Rice aviation security litigation team seeking accountability and change in aviation security following the 9/11 attacks. In addition, Jodi also represents international terror victims who have filed claims through the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

Jodi also played a key role in *Linde et al. v. Arab Bank PLC*, filed by victims of terrorist bombings in Israel against Arab Bank for allegedly financing Hamas and other Israeli terrorist organizations. This case marked the first time that a financial institution has been brought to trial under the Anti-Terrorism Act. Jodi also helped lead a parallel suit for thousands of non-U.S. citizens, *Jesner v. Arab Bank*, which was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding violations of customary international law by foreign corporations under the Alien Tort Statute.

She served as the lead negotiator in *Cummock, et al. v. Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, et al.*, the last hold-out of the individual cases against Libya for the Lockerbie bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, and continues to seek justice for victims of Libyan sponsored terrorism during Qadhafi's reign. Jodi also authored an amicus brief, supporting section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, regarding the trade regulation of conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She was also an integral member of a team that sought recourse for young victims of human trafficking and child enslavement for use as camel jockeys, and filed a federal civil complaint against several leaders in the United Arab Emirates for their alleged role.

Jodi has worked on environmental contamination cases in the Virgin Islands involving leaking gas tanks, and she represented clients in advancing their Deepwater Horizon oil spill claims through the programs established by the two settlements reached with BP. Jodi has served on numerous MDL Executive Committees and subcommittees, and holds several leadership positions within the firm.

Jodi began her career applying restitution and fraud theories to the litigation against the tobacco industry which resulted in the historic Master Settlement Agreement between the state attorneys general and the tobacco industry. She developed expert and whistleblower testimony and synthesized millions of pages of documents for trial. She prepared the false-marketing and child targeting case against the tobacco industry which resulted in restrictions on cartoon ads and the retirement of Joe Camel.

Jodi has been interviewed by various media outlets, including U.S. and foreign television, radio and print media. She provides pro bono work on a variety of global, national and community issues and helped establish the firm's Charitable Contributions Committee. She served as a member of the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights Advisory Council from 2014 to 2016, and currently serves on the board of the PanAm 103 Lockerbie Legacy Foundation, and as a member of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force.

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PUBLISHED WORKS:

“Remarks on the GJIL Symposium on Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute,” *Georgetown Journal of International Law*, Volume 43–Issue 4, Summer 2012. (43 Geo. J. Int’l. L. 1601)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2015–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

The National Trial Lawyers

2020–2021 Top 100 Trial Lawyers™: South Carolina

National Law Journal

2020 Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar

2018 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers

Lawdragon

2019 Lawdragon Legends

2010–2024 Lawdragon 500

2019–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2017 Leadership in Law Honoree

Public Justice Foundation

2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year

The Legal 500 United States, Litigation edition

2016–2018 Dispute resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action – toxic tort – plaintiff

Benchmark Plaintiff

2014 Top 150 Plaintiff Women in Litigation: South Carolina

2012–2013 National “Litigation Star”: civil rights/human rights and mass tort/product liability

2012–2014 South Carolina “Litigation Star”: environmental, human rights, mass tort and securities



REBECCA FONSECA

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Rebecca Fonseca represents communities harmed by groundwater contamination and other toxic exposures.

Rebecca focuses her practice on PFAS litigation. She represents residents of Elkton, Md., alleging widespread PFAS contamination in their groundwater, and has deposed witnesses from 3M Company, W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc., and Wolverine World Wide, Inc. She also works closely with experts in the fields of hydrogeology and soil agronomy to determine the source and extent of PFAS contamination. Well-versed in both the liability of the PFAS industry, as well as technical issues, Rebecca also represents public water provider clients litigating their claims in *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2873. In 2018, she began representing residents of Rockford, Mich., whose wells were contaminated with PFAS. She was involved in all aspects of that litigation, including helping prepare a bellwether case for a 2021 trial.

In addition, Rebecca represents North and South Carolina residents suing over hydrogen sulfide, methyl mercaptan, and other toxic air pollutant emissions from a pulp and paper mill in Catawba, S.C.

Rebecca also represents clients with catastrophic injuries, including brain injury and paralysis, and clients sicked by asbestos. She previously litigated cases for governmental entities alleging deceptive marketing and distribution of opioids.

In 2022, Rebecca spoke about emerging groundwater contaminants at a conference sponsored by the National Science Foundation and organized by the University of Alabama's Center for Water Quality Research. She has also spoken at the National Conference on Worker Safety and Health, making bilingual presentations in Spanish and English about legal remedies available to injured workers.

While completing her legal studies, Rebecca was a managing editor for the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*. She served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Linda Ann Wells of Florida's Third District Court of Appeals.

Rebecca is fluent in Spanish and French.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Civil Plaintiff–Top 40 under 40 Trial Lawyer list, South Carolina



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2016

B.H.S., *magna cum laude*, University of Florida, 2013

ASSOCIATIONS:

Charleston County Bar Association
Hispanic National Bar Association

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VINCENT L. GREENE IV

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Vin Greene represents victims of toxic exposures, including chemicals, lead and asbestos. He also litigates for people harmed by defective medical devices and for governments against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

Vin is a member of the firm's litigation team representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties and municipalities in cases targeting the alleged misrepresentation of highly addictive opioids by manufacturers and distributors, a suspected cause of the opioid epidemic plaguing communities nationwide. As lead outside counsel for the State of Rhode Island, his work helped to secure a \$107 million settlement* for Rhode Island ahead of trial against opioid manufacturers Teva and more than \$90 million* in settlements and injunctive relief for the with the nation's Big Three opioid distributors.

As a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for victims who live and work near East Palestine, Ohio, Vin plays a key role overseeing litigation against Norfolk Southern over the February 2023 train derailment that leaked more than 100,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals in the community.

Vin represents children and families poisoned by exposure to lead paint and pigments in and in 2015 won a rare jury verdict and compensatory damages for a Rhode Island woman who suffered cognitive defects caused by her childhood lead exposure. Vin also had a critical role in defeating tort reform legislation in Rhode Island, utilizing testimony, analysis and grassroots outreach to get a new law enacted to help prevent childhood lead poisoning without infringing on victims' rights. For his numerous efforts and accomplishments, the Childhood Lead Action Project honored him with its Beyond the Call of Duty Award in 2001.

Vin also represents workers and families suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases caused by occupational, environmental or household exposure to asbestos. He has represented hundreds of people in their asbestos cases and has argued before the Supreme Courts of Ohio and Rhode Island, as well as Ohio's courts of appeal.

He litigates for patients with severe health complications caused by allegedly defective mesh products, including Composix® Kugel® Mesh patches, other hernia mesh products, and transvaginal mesh.

Active in the legal community, Vin is an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University School of Law, teaching about Rhode Islands' influential history in mass torts. In 2015, Vin was President of the Rhode Island Association for Justice and remains a member of the Board of Governors. He is the Treasurer for the Rhode



LICENSED IN:

Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District
of Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D., George Washington University
Law School, 1998

B.A., College of the Holy Cross,
1995

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Civil Liberties Union
**Rhode Island Association for
Justice**, Board of Governors, Past
President
Rhode Island Center for Justice,
Treasurer

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VINCENT L. GREENE IV

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Island Center for Justice, a non-profit law center advocating for workers' rights and other public interest issues.

Vin began working with Motley Rice attorneys in 1997 on the landmark litigation against the tobacco industry and representing clients in medical malpractice cases. Named a Motley Rice member in 2008, Vin is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Providence, RI

2017–2024 Product liability litigation – plaintiffs

2023–2024 Consumer Protection Law

Rhode Island Super Lawyers[®] lists

2014–2021 Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Class action/mass torts;
Environmental litigation

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012–2014 Rhode Island “Litigation Star”: environmental, medical malpractice, toxic tort

The Legal 500 United States

2010 Mass tort and class action: plaintiff representation – toxic tort



MAX N. GRUETZMACHER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Max Gruetzmacher focuses his practice on securities and consumer fraud, representing large public pension funds, unions and other institutional investors in securities and consumer fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits, as well as consumers, businesses, and governmental entities in other types of complex civil litigation.

Max also brings substantial experience counseling the firm's attorneys and clients with respect to e-discovery strategy throughout the various stages of litigation, from pre-filing through trial.

Prior to joining the firm, Max gained experience in a variety of legal practice areas, including defense of pharmaceutical mass torts cases, of banks in mortgage-backed securities cases, and in appellate criminal defense.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 *Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar* list

Charleston Regional Business Journal

2022 Forty Under 40



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION:

J.D., Marquette University Law School, 2008

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association



JENNIFER GUY

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jennifer Guy's casework crosses many of the firm's practice areas, including representing people and businesses impacted by global terror, environmental negligence, government entities seeking to advance public health interests, and patients who suffered complications caused by defective medical drugs and devices.

Jennifer's antiterrorism casework includes advocating for September 11, 2001 families and survivors in groundbreaking litigation targeting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and others who are accused of helping al Qaeda carry out the attacks. She also helps terror victims file claims through the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

Jennifer represents consumers who allege software company Blackbaud failed to protect their private information in a 2020 ransomware attack and subsequent data breach, leaving them susceptible to identity theft and other cybercrimes.

Jennifer was part of a team that represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and distributors for the alleged deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioids. She also represented people and businesses affected by the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Before joining Motley Rice, Jennifer worked in product liability law and later as a financial consultant for a global wealth management provider. She also audited and monitored all business activities for compliance with National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requirements for a privately held bank.

While attending law school, Jennifer was a member of The George Washington International Law Review and served as a law clerk for William T. Newman, Jr., Chief Judge of Virginia's 17th Circuit.



LICENSED IN:

Arizona
Georgia
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., George Washington University
Law School, 1995

B.A., University of Colorado –
Boulder, 1991

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Georgia State Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association,
Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection
Committee (2020-2022)



ROBERT T. HAEFELE

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Robert Haeefe has spent more than 30 years practicing in complex civil litigation, including asbestos, tobacco, mesh, and other mass tort and product liability litigation. His area of primary emphasis involves anti-terrorism and human rights, analyzing and litigating complex, domestic and international matters to meet clients' goals of justice and accountability while simultaneously achieving positive social change.

Robert's current focus is on aiding the more than 6,600 family members and survivors of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks Motley Rice represents. He is co-liaison counsel and an active member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for Personal Injury and Death Claims in *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, U.S.D.C., S.D.N.Y., MDL 1570, lawsuits filed by Motley Rice's clients and others seeking to expose and bankrupt the alleged financiers and other supporters of al Qaeda terrorist activity.

Robert also played a central role in *In re September 11th Litigation*, Case No. 21-MC-97-AKH (S.D.N.Y.), involving more than 50 personal injury and wrongful death clients against the aviation and aviation security industries for their alleged failure to detect and prevent the terrorist attacks. For both the multidistrict terrorist financing litigation and mass consolidations of the aviation security liability cases, Robert has appeared before the court for multiple hearings and oral arguments, directed and engaged in complex formal discovery, and managed informal investigative efforts involving, among other things, aviation security, designation of foreign terrorist individuals and entities, and elaborate webs of financial transactions.

In addition to traditional litigation efforts, Robert has provided substantial *pro bono* and other support to the survivors and families of those killed in the September 11th attacks. From 2001-2004, he provided *pro bono* representation for more than 30 individuals, preparing and presenting their claims to the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Working with Motley Rice clients, legislators and leading experts in various industries, Robert also works to encourage legislative changes to help meet clients' goals of justice, accountability and positive social change. He has represented victims of other terrorist attacks and human rights violations in litigation including *Oran Almog v. Arab Bank*, a landmark lawsuit filed by victims of terrorist bombings in Israel against Arab Bank for its alleged role in financing Hamas and other Israeli terrorist organizations, and *Krishanti v. Rajaratnum et al.*, 09-cv-5395 (D. N.J.), litigation against alleged financiers of the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization in Sri Lanka. He was also part of the litigation filed for non-U.S. citizens, *Jesner v. Arab Bank*. The litigation was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court under the Alien Tort Statute regarding violations of customary international law by foreign corporations.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, District of New Jersey and Southern District of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law - Camden, 1989

B.A., Rutgers College, 198

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association, Past Chairman - Product Liability and Toxic Tort Section
Public Justice Foundation

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**ROBERT T. HAEFELE***Continued...***MotleyRice**[®]
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Representing Motley Rice clients in an array of other complex litigation matters, Robert worked on *World Holdings LLC, v. The Federal Republic of Germany*, a suit filed to collect unpaid pre-WWII German bonds. He has collaborated with members of the firm's securities team, litigating such cases as *In re MBNA Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 05-272 (D. Del.), and with the toxic exposure team to litigate cases brought by individuals and businesses suffering as a result of the BP oil spill in *In re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2003, Robert developed a strong co-counsel relationship with Motley Rice attorneys through complex litigation involving corporate wrongdoing, including the State of New Jersey's tobacco lawsuit and other tobacco, asbestos and occupational disease and injury cases. Practicing product liability, toxic and mass tort, and occupational injury law, he represented individuals and union members injured by defective products or toxic substances and authored "The Hidden Truth About Asbestos Disease" in the *New Jersey Law Journal* (December 2002). He clerked with Judge Neil F. Deighan of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1990.



JADE A. HAILESELASSIE

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jade Haileselassie's diverse practice includes representing global terror victims and their families, motorists and passengers impacted by vehicle defects and fraud, and public entities in litigation that works to enhance public health and safety.

Jade is a part of Motley Rice's team of attorneys representing dozens of cities, towns, counties and townships in the *National Prescription Opiate* MDL targeting opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies accused of causing the opioid crisis. She also represents terror victims in litigation against alleged financiers of the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization in Sri Lanka, September 11, 2001 victims and survivors in litigation against material sponsors of terrorism for their role in the attacks, and victims with claims filed with the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

When she first came to Motley Rice, Jade litigated vehicle emissions fraud claims against Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles and Volkswagen and represented drivers allegedly injured by exploding Takata airbags.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Jade founded Jade Blum Law in Baltimore representing clients in criminal, business, personal injury, bankruptcy and consumer cases and provided pro bono services for Baltimore's underserved communities. She also was an associate and settlement officer for a Maryland firm where she focused on real estate, title law and estate planning.

Jade interned for the Honorable Judge John C. Themelis, Baltimore City Circuit Court, while completing her legal studies and was a research assistant for multiple University of Baltimore professors and the University Conflict Management Service.

On a community level while in Baltimore, Jade assisted Baltimore's Iron Crow Theater in obtaining non-profit status and served on its Board of Directors. She volunteered with the city's Homeless Persons Representation Project, actively supported the Community Law Center, and traveled to disaster areas to volunteer with the Red Cross.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs; Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs; Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Maryland
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law, 2010

M.S., University of Baltimore, 2010

B.A., College of Charleston, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
Maryland State Bar Association
Charleston Bar Association
District of Columbia Bar Association



SERENA P. HALLOWELL

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With nearly 20 years of complex litigation and securities experience, Serena Hallowell has been recognized by her peers as a leader in the plaintiffs' securities bar and a Plaintiffs' Lawyer "Trailblazer" in 2019 by *National Law Journal* for her work in securities opt-out litigation. As lead of Motley Rice's direct-action litigation efforts, and a leader of the firm's securities fraud team, Serena litigates for some of the world's largest institutional investors, including pension funds, hedge funds, mutual funds, family offices, and other large institutional investors. She also regularly advises institutional investors and public entities regarding recovery opportunities in connection with fraud-related conduct.

Prior to her time at Motley Rice, Serena was the head of a direct-action practice and member of the securities class action group as a partner of a large securities law firm in New York. In that capacity, she was a key member of several litigation teams that achieved multi-million settlements for clients, aggregating close to \$500 million. Notable cases Serena was a leading/key member of prior to joining Motley Rice include:

- *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation* (\$140 million settlement*)
- *In re Computer Sciences Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$97.5 million settlement*)(“rocket docket” jurisdiction and estimated to be the third largest all cash settlement in the Fourth Circuit)
- *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Endo* (\$50 million settlement*)(state court Section 11 action believed to be the largest class settlement obtained pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with a secondary public offering)
- *In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation*, No. 5:13-cv-01920 (N.D. Cal.) (\$42.5 million settlement* for the class, including the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii)
- *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$41.5 million settlement*)(“rocket docket” jurisdiction where settlement was obtained even after company filed bankruptcy)

Serena has also led opt-out cases against companies, including Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Perrigo Company, and Teva Pharmaceuticals for a variety of institutional investors seeking to recoup losses stemming from alleged fraud-related conduct. With respect to Valeant, Serena and her team pursued claims under the New Jersey RICO statute, and was the first opt-out plaintiff to successfully defeat a motion to dismiss those claims. Certain Valeant actions have since been resolved and Serena continues to prosecute matters on behalf of others.



LICENSED IN:

New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2003

B.A., Occidental College, 1999

ASSOCIATIONS:

New York City Bar Association,
Securities Litigation Committee
Federal Bar Council
South Asian Bar Association
National Association of Public Pension Attorneys
National Association of Women Lawyers

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Serena was selected to The National Law Journal's "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" in 2020 for having consistently excelled in high stakes matters on behalf of plaintiffs. She was also recognized by them as a Plaintiffs' Lawyer "Trailblazer" in 2019 in part for her work on behalf of opt-out plaintiffs. 2020–2022 Chambers USA reports recognized her in the area of New York securities litigation for plaintiffs and legal publication Law360 named her as a "Securities MVP" in 2019.

Serena is a frequent speaker in legal circles throughout the country on matters related to securities litigation and diversity and inclusion in the legal and financial sectors. She uses her platform to champion women's rights and promote diversity in the financial realm, including advocating for women and minority-led investment firms.

In 2022, Serena was invited to join Law360's Securities Editorial Advisory Board. Serena is also an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), where she currently serves on both the NAPPA Securities Litigation Committee and the NAPPA Fiduciary & Governance Committee.

Serena has performed *pro bono* work for immigrant detainees through the American Immigrant Representation Project, in addition to volunteering with the Securities Arbitration Clinic at Brooklyn Law School, among other positions. She is conversational in Hindi and Urdu.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- *'Justices Should Acknowledge ESG's Importance to Investors'* Law360 (June 2021)
- *'Don't Forget the "E" and the "S" in ESG: Securities Lawsuits Are No Longer Only About Corporate Governance'* NAPPA Report (October 2021)
- *'Mutual Funds Should Consider Shareholder Litigation,'* Law360 (Oct. 8, 2019)
- *'Around the World in a Decade: The Evolving Landscape of Securities Litigation Post-Morrison,'* NAPPA (Nov. 26, 2019)
- *'Emulex Highlights Greater Scrutiny of Issues at High Court,'* Law360 (April 25, 2019)
- *'China Agritech's Positive Implications for Plaintiffs,'* Law360 (July 3, 2018)
- *'Direct Actions: A Path to Recovery for Foreign Purchases of Securities,'* The NAPPA Report (Oct. 31, 2017) *'Investor Recovery Strategies Following ANZ Securities,'* Law360 (July 12, 2017)
- *'Does "Dukes" Require Full "Daubert" Scrutiny at Class Certification?'* New York Law Journal (Nov. 25, 2011)



SERENA P. HALLOWELL

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Super Lawyers

2022 New York Metro Super Lawyers – Securities

Chambers USA

2020–2023 Litigation: Securities: Plaintiffs – New York, Up and Coming

Benchmark Litigation

2020–2021 Future Star

National Law Journal

2020 Elite Women of the Plaintiffs’ Bar

2019 Plaintiffs’ Lawyers Trailblazers

Lawdragon 500

2019–2023 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

2019–2020 Leading Lawyers in America

Law360

2019 Securities MVP

2016 Rising Star

The Legal 500

2016–2017 Securities Litigation



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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Andrew Harris works directly with injured workers and their families regarding asbestos, work-related injuries, and toxic exposure, including guiding clients through complicated bankruptcy trust claims for victims of asbestos-related diseases.

Andrew practiced at a North Carolina firm where he assisted with corporate transactions between Fortune 500 companies prior to joining Motley Rice.

He gained early experience through a number of legal clerkships at firms in the Charleston, S.C., area, assisting with malpractice defense cases, property transactions, and various mass tort multidistrict litigations, and donated his time during law school helping others through the Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2014

B.A., University of North Carolina –
Chapel Hill, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

**Charleston County Bar
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NICHOLAS R. HARRIS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Nicholas Harris represents victims of toxic exposure, as well as patients harmed by medical drugs and devices.

Nick is a part of the team litigating against Monsanto and Bayer alleging an increased risk of cancer due to exposure to their pesticide Roundup®. Additionally, he seeks justice for farmers, railroad workers, and others who developed Parkinson's Disease after exposure to Paraquat weed killer.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Nick worked as an Assistant Solicitor with the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office in Charleston, S.C. During his time there, Nick prosecuted rape, domestic violence, and stalking cases as a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant prosecutor. Nick also assisted with trials involving child rape victims.

While completing his legal studies, Nick was a civil litigation and criminal law clerk with two Charleston law firms as well as a Legal Research, Analysis and Writing Fellow at the Charleston School of Law. He also volunteered with the Street Law Clinic teaching a weekly basic law course on topics such as criminal law, the U.S. Constitution, contract law, and torts at underprivileged schools. Nick was a four-year starter for the College of Charleston basketball team, including the 2018 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championship season and was named the 2019 team captain.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2022

B.S., College of Charleston, 2018

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ASSOCIATIONS:

**South Carolina Association for
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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Lee Heath represents victims who have suffered catastrophic injuries caused by vehicle defects, commercial and industrial equipment, work site injuries, vehicle accidents, medical malpractice as well as victims affected by corporate misconduct and consumer fraud.

Her casework includes furthering litigation for people allegedly harmed by defective airbags manufactured by Takata and others. She represents people who have been harmed by shrapnel from exploding airbags, as well as those injured when an airbag failed to deploy. She is also involved in cases where the airbag deployed in a manner that caused unexpected injuries, including leg injuries from knee airbags in Toyota and Lexus vehicles. Additionally, she represents consumers in a class action for owners of Volkswagen and Audi vehicles who allege they were victims of odometer fraud, and illegally sold pre-production vehicles that the manufacturers claimed were certified pre-owned. She also represents Volkswagen and Audi owners who experienced engine damage allegedly caused by timing chain tensioner defects.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Lee worked on cases related to construction defects at a South Carolina firm. She also contributed to complex environmental litigation, including serving as a law clerk for the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

She worked for several years as a project manager over multi-million dollar accounts for a South Carolina-based chemistry and radiochemistry testing laboratory before pursuing a career in law.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy
Class of 2018



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2005

M.S., Medical University of South Carolina, 1997

B.S., College of Charleston, 1995

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice
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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Trey Henderson works closely with injured workers and families to file bankruptcy trust claims seeking justice for victims of asbestos-related diseases.

He also helps file claims through the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund on behalf of foreign terror victims. He has additional experience contributing to securities litigation that ultimately recovered \$140 million for shareholders who allege they suffered losses due to corporate misconduct.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Trey completed a number of internships and legal clerkships in North Carolina while completing his legal studies, where he drafted necessary documents for real estate transactions, provided guidance to local businesses to resolve contract disputes, and provided litigation support for a Fortune 500 bank. He also served as Articles Editor for the *Journal of Business and Intellectual Property* while pursuing his law degree.



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 2014

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of South Florida, 2010



KRISTEN M. HERMIZ

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Kristen Hermiz represents clients in complex multidistrict litigation in state and federal court. She also represents cities and counties, state attorneys general, and other entities in order to advance public health. Kristen also advocates for patients injured by dangerous and defective medical products.

Kristen currently represents multiple governmental entities in litigation against manufacturers and distributors of highly addictive opioid drugs. She also represents hernia patients in state and federal court who allege mesh repairs harmed them.

Kristen's other clients include people who developed mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases caused by occupational, environmental or household asbestos exposure. On behalf of asbestos victims and their families, she has sued manufacturers, property owners and contractors who sold or installed defective or hazardous asbestos-containing products.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Kristen was an associate for the Providence City Solicitor's Office, arguing motions in various civil actions for the city of Providence and handling housing, zoning, employment and civil rights litigation.

A Roger Williams Scholarship recipient and CALI Award winner, Kristen served as a member of *The Roger Williams University Law Review* and was a legal intern for the Honorable Daniel A. Procaccini of the Rhode Island Superior Court. Also a judicial extern for the Honorable Jacob Hagopian of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, Kristen drafted judicial reports and made recommendations for *pro se* prisoner petitions. While in law school, Kristin was a law clerk for the Office of the Vice President & General Counsel at Brown University and a research assistant to law professor Edward Eberle and retired Rhode Island Superior Court Justice Stephen Fortunato. For retired Justice Fortunato, she researched statutory and case law for a constitutional law manuscript involving race, poverty, gender discrimination and civil rights reform efforts.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES: [2022 Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar list](#)

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar list

2020 Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers™: South Carolina



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
Rhode Island
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, District of Rhode Island and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Roger Williams University School of Law, 2010

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Connecticut, 2007

ASSOCIATIONS:

Rhode Island Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association



JOHN E. HERRICK

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

John Herrick has spent more than 30 years representing victims of asbestos exposure suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases. As a leader of the firm's occupational disease practice, John continues to fight for the rights of those harmed by asbestos and other occupational diseases and assists in managing the firm's asbestos litigation teams. A senior trial lawyer with years of courtroom experience, John represents individuals and families against defendants which manufactured and sold defective and unreasonably dangerous asbestos-containing products and equipment, as well as premise owners and contractors who specified and installed those products.

John has litigated asbestos cases resulting from occupational, environmental and household exposure, receiving verdicts in hundreds of matters. He also represents maritime workers who suffered asbestos exposure caused by manufacturers and suppliers, ship owners, shipbuilders and vessel designers.

In addition, John was lead trial counsel in a welding fume verdict for the plaintiff on behalf of a welder who developed manganism from exposure to welding fumes. He won the first affirmed jury verdict in the United States for a domestic, asbestos-exposed mesothelioma victim in the Marie Granski case and achieved the first verdict in the United States against SCAPA US, the former manufacturer of asbestos-containing dryer felts. John also worked as lead trial counsel in the Harlow trial group, cited as a top 100 case of the year by *The National Law Journal*, and litigated a personal injury case against a tobacco company for a plaintiff harmed by the use of asbestos in cigarette filters.

John is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®] and frequently serves as a guest speaker at asbestos litigation-related seminars.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2018 "Lawyer of the Year": Product liability litigation – plaintiffs

2015–2024 Product liability litigation – plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

The Legal 500 United States

2007, 2009–2012, 2015, 2018 Dispute resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action – toxic tort – plaintiff



LICENSED IN:

Maryland
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, District of Maryland, Northern District of Ohio, District of South Carolina, Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1988

B.A., University of South Carolina, 1983

ASSOCIATIONS:

The Fellows of the American Bar Association
American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
American Board of Trial Advocates
South Carolina Association for Justice



NELI TRAYKOVA HINES

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Neli Traykova Hines pursues complex securities fraud class actions for institutional investors and individual shareholders who seek to recover losses caused by alleged corporate misconduct.

Neli contributed to the litigation and final approval of the \$809.5 million settlement with Twitter Inc. in 2021. She litigates for investors who allege medical drug manufacturer AbbVie engaged in illegal kickbacks and other misconduct to boost sales for its immunosuppressant drug Humira. Neli's casework also includes representing investors in securities fraud actions against Chegg, Inc. and Upstart Holdings.

While completing her legal studies, Neli worked as an honors legal intern at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission where she assisted with enforcement actions. She was also a student attorney with the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic at American University, counseling small businesses on corporate structuring, taxation, financing and growth and succession planning. Neli was a member of the Business Law Review and competed internationally in mediation and negotiation competitions as a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society.

She acquired additional experience as a FOIA government information specialist and a contracts specialist for the U.S. government prior to law school.

Neli serves her community as a volunteer mediator through the Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Illinois
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION:

J.D., American University
Washington College of Law, 2021

B.S., American University, 2016

ASSOCIATIONS:

Washington D.C. Bar Association
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Ashley Hornstein represents people and families suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases caused by occupational, environmental and household asbestos exposure, as well as victims of lead poisoning and other toxic environmental exposures.

Ashley began working with Motley Rice as a law clerk in 2010, supporting various trial teams in their efforts to hold major corporations accountable. She contributed legal research and case preparation for litigation against C.R. Bard claiming defective medical devices, and Georgia-Pacific for claims of asbestos-related diseases caused by asbestos exposure.

Ashley also represents individuals who suffered from various health problems after taking Ozempic® and/or Wegovy®.

In 2013, Ashley joined the firm as an attorney focusing on illnesses and injuries caused by toxic exposure.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Providence, RI

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

The National Trial Lawyers

2022–2023 Civil Plaintiff–*Top 40 under 40 Trial Lawyer* list, Rhode Island



LICENSED IN:

Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D., Roger Williams University School of Law, 2012

B.A., University of Kansas, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Rhode Island Association for Justice

Rhode Island Bar Association
Rhode Island Women's Bar Association



T. DAVID HOYLE

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

David Hoyle is a trial lawyer who works to bring about change through the civil justice system, representing victims of corporate wrongdoing and negligence in complex litigation ranging from toxic torts to environmental contamination and catastrophic incidents.

David is co-lead counsel in *In re New Indy Emissions Litigation*, C/A No. 0:21-cv-01480-SAL (D. S.C.) in which the plaintiffs allege that the daily lives of thousands of people are negatively impacted by emissions of hydrogen sulfide, methyl mercaptan, and other toxic air pollutants from a pulp and paper mill in Catawba, South Carolina.

David has a leading role in litigation involving per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. These synthetic chemicals are “forever chemicals,” which do not biodegrade and are extremely persistent in the environment. David has taken dozens of liability depositions concerning the alleged concealment of these hazards. He leads the 3M Discovery Team for the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee in *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2873, involving AFFF firefighting suppressant products. David represents public water systems that collectively, serving more than 15 million people as well as governmental entities in the AFFF MDL.

David’s work outside the AFFF MDL includes representing residents of Elkton, Md. residents, in litigation alleging PFAS water contamination from a W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. manufacturing facility. David also represents the International Association of Fire Fighters in a lawsuit against the National Fire Protection Association over its role in imposing a testing standard that effectively requires the use of PFAS in fire fighter protective gear.

David has also litigated complex personal injury cases involving catastrophic burns, brain injury, loss of limb and paralysis, as well as wrongful death cases resulting from negligence, fires, industrial accidents and defective products.

David began his career at Motley Rice representing asbestos victims suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases. He has worked with attorneys licensed in Canada for years concerning cross-border litigation, including filing asbestos claims in the United States for Canadians. David holds a Foreign Legal Consultant (FLC) permit issued by the Law Society of Ontario to give legal advice in Ontario about the federal law of the United States and he continues to represent Canadian provincial workers’ compensation boards in the U.S. concerning third-party asbestos claims.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

Georgia Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits

Georgia Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida, Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia, Western District of Michigan, District of Nebraska, District of South Carolina, and the Western District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 2005

B.A., Wofford College, 2002

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice

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As a leader of Motley Rice's toxic tort practice, David has litigated chemical exposure cases involving methylene chloride, benzene, and other chemicals and has represented governments and businesses harmed by the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

For more than 15 years, David's wide-ranging curiosity, genuine empathy, and versatile litigation skills have made him comfortable in a variety of settings and allowed him to handle all aspects of litigation, from initial client meetings to first chairing jury trials and making appellate oral arguments. An AV[®] rated attorney in Martindale-Hubbell[®], he has negotiated the resolution of numerous cases with a focus on his clients' goals and changing defendants' conduct. Following the conviction of a South Carolina child predator, David litigated sexual abuse survivor claims against the predator's former employer, Pinewood Preparatory School, negotiating a resolution that included the implementation of a new Child Protection Policy including implementing enforcement of stricter procedures, and a decade of outside monitoring and other measures. David also represented litigated the claims of a rape survivor suing against the owner of a self-storage facility, and negotiating a resolution that included the business changing its security practices.

David has presented at seminars on a diverse range of topics, such as the economic loss rule in environmental cases, PFAS litigation, trends in federal practice, ethical issues involving social media, NFL concussion litigation, and asbestos disease awareness. He is the author of "Seal of Disapproval: International Implications of South Carolina's Notary Statute," 3 *S.C.J.Int'l. L. & Bus.* 1 (2006).

David chairs the South Carolina Association for Justice PAC. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Lowcountry Autism Foundation, on the Episcopal Church Province IV Court of Review, and as a volunteer for more than 10 years with the Lowcountry AIDS Legal Clinic.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions–plaintiffs

National Law Journal

2023 Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation Trailblazers for his work involving PFAS

South Carolina Super Lawyers[®] Rising Stars list

2012–2019 Personal injury–general: plaintiff; Civil rights; Environmental litigation

Charleston Business Magazine

2017 "Legal Elite of the Lowcountry"

The National Trial Lawyers

2012 Top 100 Trial Lawyers™– South Carolina

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2022–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers



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MEMBER ATTORNEY

John Hurst works to hold corporations accountable for the harm they do to individuals and society, developing and executing case strategies in toxic tort, occupational disease, catastrophic injury, and product liability cases.

John represents workers and their family members injured by occupational, environmental or household exposure to asbestos, including numerous mesothelioma victims. A central member of the West Virginia team, he also manages large, complex multi-party litigation and works extensively in federal, state, and bankruptcy court at both trial and appellate levels. John litigates legal issues under product, premises, and employer liability theories.

John represents merchant mariners with Jones Act claims against their shipowner employers in the federal asbestos MDL-875 and in the Northern District of Ohio and has presented on this topic. In 2014, John was a key member of a trial team that obtained a compensatory and punitive damages verdict in Massachusetts federal court against a manufacturer of asbestos-containing fireproofing.

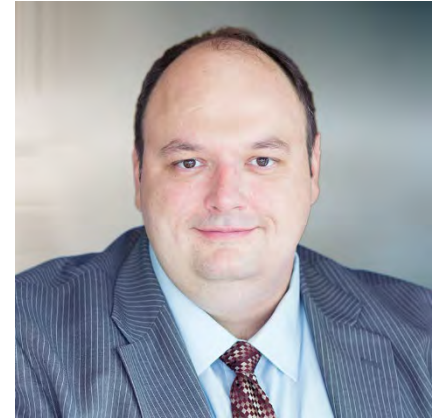
Recognized as an AV® rated attorney Martindale-Hubbell®, John's experience goes beyond occupational disease litigation. He represented victims of a 2009 explosion at the ConAgra facility in Garner, N.C., and negotiated the resolution of those claims against industrial contractors.

John published the first academic analysis of credit counseling agencies, "Protecting Consumers from Consumer Credit Counseling," 9 N.C. Banking Inst. 159 (2005), and co-authored "Premises Liability Update: Employee Cases," for Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation, (March 9-11, 2009), and "The Changing Landscape of Single Sex Education," *School Law Bulletin* (2006).

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

West Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list

2014–2021 Personal injury – general: plaintiff; Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Class action/mass torts



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
West Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina, Northern District of Ohio, District of South Carolina, and the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina, School of Law, 2006

B.A., *highest distinction*, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 2002

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice

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SHALOM D. JACKS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Shalom Jacks seeks justice for workers and families who are battling debilitating occupational illnesses, including mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases, as well as severe workplace injuries caused by corporate negligence and malfeasance.

Specifically, Shalom advocates for victims of asbestos-related diseases by helping clients navigate requirements in complex bankruptcy claim audits.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Shalom gained legal experience as an extern for the 11th Circuit Public Defender's Office in Lexington, S.C., where she performed legal research and discovery for a variety of criminal proceedings. She served as an intern for U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, for the District of South Carolina. Shalom also gained experience in matrimonial law as an intern with a law firm in Summerville, S.C.

While pursuing her legal studies, Shalom advocated for victims of domestic violence as a member of Voices Against Violence, an American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division program.

In addition to her work with Motley Rice, Shalom investigates claims of dishonest conduct as a member of the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection of the South Carolina Bar and helps obtain compensation for victims. She also serves as an advocate for neglected and abused children as a Guardian Ad Litem.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law, 2015

B.B.A., Brenau University, 2007

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association,
Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection
Charleston County Bar
Association



MATHEW P. JASINSKI

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Mathew Jasinski represents consumers, businesses, and governmental entities in class action and complex cases involving consumer protection, unfair trade practices, commercial, environmental and securities litigation. He also represents whistleblowers in *qui tam* cases under the False Claims Act.

Mathew's litigation experience includes all aspects of trial work, from case investigation to appeal. He has represented plaintiffs in class actions involving such claims as breach of contract and unfair trade practices. He has experience in complex commercial cases regarding claims of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty and has represented an institutional investor in its efforts to satisfy a judgment obtained against the operator of a Ponzi scheme. Mathew obtained a seven-figure arbitration award in a case involving secondary liability for an investment advisor's conduct under the Uniform Securities Act. Please remember that every case is different. Any result we achieve for one client in one matter does not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients.

Mathew also serves the firm's appellate group, having argued cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First and Second Circuits, the Connecticut Appellate Court, and the Connecticut Supreme Court. He also has worked on numerous appeals before other state and federal appellate courts across the country.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2009, Mathew practiced complex commercial and business litigation at a large defense firm. He began his legal career as a law clerk for Justice David M. Borden (ret.) of the Connecticut Supreme Court. During law school, Mathew served as executive editor of the *Connecticut Law Review* and judging director of the Connecticut Moot Court Board. He placed first in various moot court and mock court competitions, including the Boston region mock trial competition of the American Association for Justice. As an undergraduate, Mathew served on the board of associate directors for the University of Connecticut's honors program and was recognized with the Donald L. McCullough Award for his student leadership.

Mathew continues to demonstrate civic leadership in the local Hartford community. He is vice chairman of the board of directors for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, a deacon of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, and a commissioner of the Hartford Parking Authority. Previously, Mathew served on the city's Charter Revision Commission and its Young Professionals Task Force, an organization focused on engaging young professionals and positioning them for future business and community leadership.



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First,
Second, Third, and Federal Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District
of Connecticut and Southern
District of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D. with high honors, University of
Connecticut School of Law, 2006

B.A. *summa cum laude*, University
of Connecticut, 2003

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association
Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court
Phi Beta Kappa

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MATHEW P. JASINSKI

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PUBLISHED WORKS:

“On the Causes and Consequences of and Remedies for Interstate Malapportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives” (Jasinski and Ladewig, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 6, Issue 1, March 2008)

“Hybrid Class Actions: Bridging the Gap Between the Process Due and the Process that Functions” (Jasinski and Narwold), *The Brief*, Fall 2009

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Super Lawyers®

2013–2021 *Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list
Business litigation; Class action/mass torts; Appellate

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Connecticut Law Tribune

2018 “New Leaders in Law”

Hartford Business Journal

2009 “Forty Under 40”

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For current year CT data visit:

www.superlawyers.com/connecticut/selection_details.html



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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Zane Johnson represents clients in complex securities and consumer fraud litigation. He is currently focused on assisting employees whose retirement benefits were reduced in violation of the Employee Retirement and Securities Act (ERISA).

Before focusing on his practice representing plaintiffs, Zane was an associate with a boutique law firm in Connecticut, where he worked on a broad range of complex litigation involving unfair insurance practices, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. Zane has additional experience as an associate at a law firm based in New Jersey where he litigated corporate contract, financial management, and intellectual property disputes and assisted pro bono clients in areas including landlord-tenant disputes, veterans' issues, employment matters, privacy policies, and protecting intellectual property rights.

While completing his legal studies, Zane earned CALI Awards in Contracts, Case Studies in Compliance Systems, and Lawyering Process, and served as a summer associate for an antitrust and intellectual property law firm based in New York. Prior to beginning his legal career, Zane worked for over a decade as a software engineer, providing him with insights into cyber risks, data privacy, insurance, financial markets, and corporation culture.

Outside the office, Zane volunteers his time as a youth lacrosse coach and as a youth hockey coach.



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Connecticut School of Law, 2021

B.S., Union College, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association



REBECCA M. KATZ

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SENIOR COUNSEL

As the head of Motley Rice's SEC whistleblower team, Rebecca Katz has dedicated over 30 years to representing defrauded investors and protecting whistleblowers who expose corporate misconduct.

Rebecca has successfully represented both U.S. and international clients in navigating the intricacies of the SEC whistleblower process—from filing the initial complaint through the final award stage. In addition to her renowned whistleblower work, Rebecca has experience litigating complex securities fraud cases, and has held senior leadership and partnership roles at two New York plaintiffs' litigation firms.

Formerly senior counsel for the SEC's Enforcement Division, Rebecca has been at the forefront of the field since the inception of the SEC Whistleblower Program under the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010. She has secured over \$150 million in total awards for her clients, including the second largest award ever granted to a whistleblower.*Rebecca also represented two former financial advisers who alleged a brokerage firm made misleading statements related to a struggling investment product. The SEC ruled in favor of the whistleblowers and awarded them the maximum award percentage allowed.*

Guiding senior executives, mid-level managers and junior staff across a range of industries through the complex and dynamic whistleblower legal landscape, Rebecca provides strategic legal counsel to ensure—above all—strict whistleblower confidentiality and protection in reporting fraud to government enforcement agencies from the SEC and the DOJ to the IRS and CTFC.

Rebecca is a frequently speaker at legal conferences nationwide and provides insight on numerous issues involving the SEC whistleblower program and securities litigation for national and local media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Reuters*, *Bloomberg Law*, *The National Law Journal*, and *Law360*, among others.

Rebecca serves on the Financial Fraud Committee for Taxpayers Against Fraud (TAF), a public interest, non-profit organization dedicated to defending and empowering whistleblowers who expose fraud in government and in financial markets.

A published author and former faculty member at the Practising Law Institute's Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute (both in the U.S. and UK), Rebecca has lectured at the Fordham University School of Law's Eugene P. and Delia S. Murphy Conference on Corporate Law – Corporations, Investors and the Securities Markets. Rebecca was a member of the *Hofstra Law Review* while completing her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.



LICENSED IN:

New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1990

B.S., Hofstra University, 1987

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice Taxpayers Against Fraud (TAF),
Member – Financial Fraud Committee

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REBECCA M. KATZ

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® New York, NY

2017–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs

Super Lawyers® lists

2008–2010, 2013–2023 New York Metro Super Lawyers – Securities

Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law

2019 Outstanding Woman in Law honoree

Benchmark Plaintiff

2014 Top 150 Women in Litigation list: New York – securities

2013–2014 New York “Litigation Star” securities



ANNE MCGINNESS KEARSE

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With more than two decades of experience in complex litigation, Anne brings a passion for justice to each case, working for her clients and seeking to bring those responsible to account. Through litigation, including mass torts, class actions and individual cases, Anne pursues the implementation of better safety practices and corporate governance measures for those corporations, as well as just compensation for victims of toxic exposure, extreme and life-altering injuries, workplace injuries and diseases, severe burns, brain damage, loss of limb and paralysis, and wrongful death resulting from negligence and defective products.

She works closely with victims and their families, often meeting with them in their homes for consultations. She strives to provide each client with personalized attention and individual justice, whether the case is part of a class action or stands alone.

Anne often collaborates with other attorneys, including estate and probate counsel, in order to approach each case from a team perspective. She also consults with experts to provide input on cases.

She is a member of the firm's litigation team currently representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships targeting the alleged misrepresentation of highly addictive opioids by manufacturers and distributors, a suspected cause of the opioid epidemic plaguing communities nationwide.

Anne represents workers diagnosed with the devastating disease mesothelioma caused by asbestos exposure in the chemical, electric power generation, steel or construction industries. She also represents victims of household exposure—children and spouses who developed mesothelioma or other asbestos-related diseases after being exposed to asbestos fibers that a family member unwittingly brought home from work on clothes or belongings. Anne has tried several noteworthy asbestos cases, including *Cox vs. A&I Company*, West Virginia's first household asbestos exposure case, and the 2002 West Virginia Consolidated Asbestos Trial against Union Carbide in which unsafe working conditions were found at its plants throughout the state. In addition to maintaining an active trial schedule, Anne represents Canadian Workers' Compensation Boards in U.S. courts to recoup benefits they paid Canadian asbestos victims.

Devoted to worker safety and health in all forms, Anne also represents and has secured settlements for flavoring workers who suffered respiratory ailments and other diseases caused by toxic chemical exposure. She also recently secured a jury verdict against SAR Automation, L.P. for \$8.8 million* for the wrongful death of a worker who fell at a Boeing facility and left behind a widow and two small children.

As a law clerk, Anne supported the team representing the State Attorneys General in the historic lawsuit against Big Tobacco, which resulted in the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. Shortly after, she was a member of the trial team that litigated *Falise v. American Tobacco Company*.

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LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina
West Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, District of South Carolina and the Southern District of West Virginia

EDUCATION:

J.D. *summa cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 1998

B.S., Syracuse University, 1983

ASSOCIATIONS:

Public Justice Foundation, Board of Directors

American Association for Justice, Chair – Committee on Asbestos Education

American Bar Association South Carolina Association for Justice, Board of Governors
Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow

Order of the Coif

Order of the Wig and Robe
John Belton O'Neal Inn of Court
American Inns of Court, James L. Petigru Chapter

Pound Civil Justice Institute, Supporting Fellow

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

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Well-versed in navigating complex litigation, Anne holds several leadership positions within the firm, managing legal teams associated with occupational disease, toxic exposure and severe personal injury. Anne has written several articles of interest to the plaintiffs' bar and frequently speaks on asbestos litigation, general product liability, legal ethics and tort reform at seminars across the country. She has been published on major legal issues, including *forum non conveniens* and defective products abroad, corporate misconduct, medicolegal aspects of asbestos litigation and mass tort litigation. Anne co-authored the 12th chapter of the book, "Pathology of Asbestos-Associated Diseases" (*Medicolegal Aspects of Asbestos-Related Diseases: A Plaintiff's Attorney's Perspective*, 3rd ed., 2014). Edited by Victor L. Roggli, MD; Tim D. Oury, MD, PhD; and Thomas A. Sporn, MD, this publication is a comprehensive asbestos reference book used by both physicians and attorneys.

Anne served as the 2016–2017 President of the Public Justice Foundation, a charitable organization focused on protecting people and the environment and increasing access to justice. She has been on the Board of Directors since 2010. In 2011, Anne served on the Executive Board for a local chapter of Safe Kids USA, advocating for childhood injury prevention. She also currently serves as a Section Councilor in the Law Section of the American Public Health Association.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2011–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

2016 "Lawyer of the Year": Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

South Carolina Super Lawyers® list

2013–2023 Class action/mass torts; Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Personal injury – general: plaintiff

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2020 Leadership in Law Lawyer of the Year

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar list

2010 Top 100 Trial Lawyers™: South Carolina

The Legal 500 United States

2007, 2009–2012, 2016, 2018 Dispute resolution – product liability, mass tort and class action – toxic tort – plaintiff

Benchmark Plaintiff

2022 Top 250 Women in Litigation list: mass tort/product liability – plaintiffs

2013 National "Litigation Star": mass tort/product liability – plaintiffs

2012–2014 South Carolina "Litigation Star": mass tort/product liability – plaintiffs

2014 Top 150 Women in Litigation list: South Carolina: mass tort/product liability – plaintiffs

University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni Association

2018 Compleat Lawyer Award

1998 Bronze Compleat Award



MARLON E. KIMPSON

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Marlon Kimpson represents victims of corporate malfeasance, from investors in securities fraud cases to consumers harmed by large data and privacy breaches, as well as people injured or killed in catastrophic incidents. Building upon the firm's relationships with unions and governmental entities, Marlon represents individuals, state and municipality pension funds, multi-employer plans, unions and other institutional investors in securities fraud class actions and in mergers and acquisition cases, seeking asset recovery and improved corporate governance. Marlon's advocacy and leadership extends beyond the courtroom, including his appointment by President Biden in 2023 to serve on the White House Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Marlon litigated securities cases including: *In re Atheros Communications, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*; *In re Celera Corporation Shareholder Litigation*; *In re RehabCare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*; *In re Coventry Healthcare, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*; and *In re Big Lots, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*. In 2020, Marlon, as local counsel, helped negotiate a \$192 million settlement* for institutional investors in *In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation*, a complex securities fraud matter related to alleged misrepresentations and omissions concerning the design, construction, and abandonment of SCANA's nuclear construction project in South Carolina. It is the largest securities class action recovery ever obtained in the District of South Carolina, the fifth largest securities class action recovery in the history of the Fourth Circuit, and among the top 100 securities class action recoveries nationwide. In 2017, he helped secure a \$16 million settlement* to resolve shareholders' claims in *Epstein v. World Acceptance Corp. et al.*, which alleged that World Acceptance misled investors about its lending practices and compliance with federal law. Marlon now represents shareholders as co-lead counsel in a federal derivative suit that alleges Wells Fargo and a number of the bank's executives breached their fiduciary duty by failing to address alleged discriminatory lending and hiring practices that negatively affected minority borrowers and employees.

Outside of his securities work, Marlon is co-lead counsel and a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for multidistrict litigation, *In re: Blackbaud Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, filed in the District of South Carolina for consumers affected by a 2020 ransomware attack and resulting data breach that targeted software company Blackbaud. Marlon has been retained by Charleston County School District to represent it against social media platforms such as Meta, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok, which allegedly designed defective products that encourage addictive behavior in adolescents and result in emotional and physical harms, including death.

Marlon also represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis. His work includes helping to secure over \$500 million* for opioid abatement in the State of South Carolina.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, Eastern District of Michigan

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1999

B.A., Morehouse College, 1991

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice

National Association of Public Pension Attorneys

American Bar Association
National Bar Association

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Marlon started his legal career litigating cases on behalf of worker's harmed by asbestos exposures across the country. He has also represented victims of catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death and aviation disasters, including commercial and charter aviation cases with clients, defendants and accidents involving multiple countries. He was also instrumental in the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill settlements claims programs on behalf of people and businesses.

Marlon is a former South Carolina State Senator for District 42 and represented citizens of Charleston and Dorchester Counties for nearly a decade. A frequent speaker, Marlon has presented at seminars and conferences across the country, including the Public Funds Summit, the National Association of State Treasurers, the South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP).

After five years in commercial banking, Marlon entered the field of law and served as a law clerk to Judge Matthew J. Perry of the U.S. District Court of South Carolina. His legal work and volunteer service also earned him the University of South Carolina School of Law bronze Compleat Award in 1999.

Marlon is active in his community and served on the Board of Directors for the Peggy Browning Fund. He has also held leadership roles with the University of South Carolina Board of Visitors, the Charleston Black Lawyers Association and the South Carolina Election Commission. In 2017, the American Association of Justice Minority Caucus awarded Marlon with its Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Soaring Eagle Award reserved for lawyers of color who have made outstanding contributions to the legal profession and paved the way for others. In 2018, Marlon was chosen as a Leadership in Law Honoree by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of Sigma Pi Phi Boulé and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2015–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2019–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2018 Leadership in Law Honoree

American Association for Justice

2017 Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Soaring Eagle Award

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012 National "Litigation Star": mass tort/product liability

2012–2014 South Carolina "Litigation Star": environmental, mass tort, securities

Coastal Conservation League

2016 Coastal Stewardship Award

United Food and Commercial Workers

2016 Legislative Activist of the Year



ANNIE E. KOUBA

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Annie Kouba is a trial lawyer with a diverse practice representing global terror victims, survivors of childhood sexual abuse, children and families coping with mental health challenges allegedly caused by social media platforms, as well as public clients and government entities.

She is a part of Motley Rice's team of attorneys that represents dozens of cities, towns, counties, and townships in the *National Prescription Opiate* MDL against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies for alleged deceptive marketing, fraudulent distribution and other business practices that contributed to the opioid crisis. Annie also has experience in the courtroom as a part of the Motley Rice trial team representing individuals alleging harm by defective medical devices.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Annie interned with the North Carolina Department of Justice in the Health and Human Services Division where she drafted criminal briefs for the N.C. Court of Appeals and N.C. Supreme Court and assisted the president of the American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys. She also interned with the EMILY's List Political Opportunity Program and has worked as a *voir dire* consultant.

Annie concentrated in Community, Management, and Policy Practice at the University of North Carolina's School of Social Work Master's program where she specialized in the intersection of public policy and the law. Through a practicum with the program, Annie interned with the Compass Center for Women and Families in the Financial Literacy Education Program, where she served as a certified counselor with The Benefit Bank.

While pursuing her studies at the University of North Carolina School of Law, Annie served as a published staff member on the *First Amendment Law Review* and as vice president of the Carolina Public Interest Law Organization. She also contributed more than 100 hours in the Pro Bono Program there, through which she prepared tax returns for low-income citizens and researched and provided social work policy and legal perspective related to minors' rights after sexual assault for a guidebook from the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Active in the Charleston community, Annie currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Taylor Music Group, a non-profit dedicated to education and performance in classical and Celtic folk music. She is a past member of the board of the Green Heart Project, a volunteer-assisted service-learning organization connecting children living in food deserts with school gardens, healthy produce, and mentors.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers®

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South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy

Class of 2019



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law, 2016

M.S.W., University of North Carolina School of Social Work, 2016

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Lenoir-Rhyne University, 2012

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, Political Action Committee Task Force

South Carolina Association for Justice



W. TAYLOR LACY

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Taylor Lacy focuses his practice on catastrophic injury and products liability litigation against diverse corporate defendants.

Taylor litigates for victims harmed by defective consumer products, hazardous substances, fires and premises liability incidents, catastrophic motorcycle, automotive and trucking collisions, as well as occupational accidents involving industrial equipment and chemical exposure. His practice also includes representing people who developed non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and allege the glyphosate in Monsanto's weed killer Roundup® caused their cancer. Taylor previously served on the team that secured a jury verdict against SAR Automation, L.P., for \$8.8 million for the wrongful death of a Boeing worker who fell at work and left behind a widow and two small children. He also has significant experience helping victims recover losses incurred from environmental disasters such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Taylor is a member of the American Public Health Association and presented at their 2019 annual convention in Philadelphia. In 2020, he became a member of the South Carolina Bar Association's Practice and Procedure Committee. As a member of that committee, he focuses on improving the operation of the judicial system as well as studies and makes recommendations regarding the rules and law pertaining to practice and procedure.

As a law student, Taylor served as student research editor of the *A.B.A. Real Property, Trust & Probate Journal*, received multiple CALI awards and was inducted into the Order of the Wig and Robe. He studied comparative law and history at University College, Oxford and the University of Virginia, and transnational dispute resolution at Gray's Inn in London. Taylor was a research assistant and student editor for Carolina Distinguished Professor of Law David G. Owen, assisting with the final preparations of Professor Owen's *Products Liability Law* treatise.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2006

B.A., University of Virginia, 2003

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association,
Practice and Procedure
Committee 2020–2021
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice



DANIEL R. LAPINSKI

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Daniel Lapinski has nearly 20 years of litigation experience, with a focus on mass tort and complex litigation in state, federal and appellate courts.

Dan represents victims of childhood sexual abuse who seek to hold abusers and abuse enablers accountable in civil court under "window" laws. Newly enacted in many states and pending in others, these laws extend the number of years available for victims to file a childhood sexual abuse claim by opening a statute of limitations window for a finite period of time. Dan also represents former Boy Scouts who suffered abuse with claims against the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy.

As a mass tort attorney, Dan represents victims harmed by dangerous pharmaceutical products and defective medical devices. His perspective and approach to litigation is shaped by his previous experience as a surgical representative for a major medical device manufacturer.

Dan plays an active role in numerous mass tort cases, including as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committees for the following multidistrict litigations, among others:

- *In re Proton-Pump Inhibitor Prods. Liability Litigation (No. II)*, D.N.J.
- *In re Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Liability Litigation*, D.N.J.

Additionally, Dan has successfully argued preemption issues before federal appellate courts, and has represented clients in class actions regarding shareholder derivatives, alleged deceptive marketing of vehicles and pharmaceutical products, and alleged negligence contributing to a massive apartment fire, in cases including:

- *DeMarco v. AvalonBay Communities, Inc.*, D.N.J.
- *D.C.G. & T., et al., v. Knight, et al.*, E.D. Va.
- *In re Ford Explorer Cases*, Cal. Sacramento Cnty. Super. Ct.
- *Alexander v. Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, Cal. Los Angeles Cnty. Super. Ct.
- *Slaughter v. Unilever United States, Inc.*, D.N.J.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Dan served among the leadership of the mass tort and class action team of a New Jersey law firm.

Dan is a frequent speaker on the local and national levels regarding mass tort and class action litigations, including presenting at the New Jersey State Bar annual conference, and serving as a panelist for both Harris Martin Publishing and the American Association of Justice. He has also been a regular speaker at New Jersey Association for Justice's Annual Boardwalk Seminar.



LICENSED IN:

New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Tenth Circuits

Supreme Court of New Jersey; Supreme Court of New York, First Judicial Department; Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Western District

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, District of New Jersey, and Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1999

B.A., Rutgers University, 1990

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
New Jersey Association for Justice

New Jersey State Bar Association

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DANIEL R. LAPINSKI

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Super Lawyers®

2013–2022 *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list

2011 *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list

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Lawdragon

2022–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

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JAMES W. LEDLIE

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

James Ledlie has spent decades advocating to make the world a safer place for military service members, first responders, and workers harmed by defective products and unsafe work conditions.

In 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) profiled James and his innovative work using the court system to improve the public's health and safety. He was awarded the American Association for Justice's 2010 F. Scott Baldwin award for obtaining outstanding trial verdicts in the interests of public justice.

James has tried many, and resolved thousands, of cases for clients throughout the country in both state and federal courts. He primarily works on cases that have a direct bearing on improving public health by addressing injuries caused by exposure to toxic substances and dangerous consumer products, including asbestos, tobacco, PFAS (forever chemicals) and other toxic workplace exposures.

James is proud to be part of the team selected by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to help address occupational cancers believed to be caused by toxic PFAS chemicals in fire fighter turnout gear. He represents state governments, cities, and municipal governments seeking to remediate the opioid epidemic. He also represents Canadian provincial workers' compensation boards in cost-recovery actions against U.S. companies when workers have been harmed or killed on the job and supports building trades unions in the U.S. and Canada to help improve worker safety and bring accountability to companies that put profits over the safety of workers. He holds a Foreign Legal Consultant (FLC) permit issued by the Law Society of Ontario to give legal advice in Ontario about the legal system in the U.S.

As a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG), James is committed to protecting the rights of people who selflessly protect us all. James is a member of the Motley Rice team that is evaluating cases for service members, their families, and civilians who were exposed to contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He also represents service members and their families suing the Navy for injuries stemming from a jet fuel spill that contaminated the water supply near the Red Hill Bulk Storage Facility in Honolulu, Hawaii. James also represents veterans and families in lawsuits over mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases.

James played a leading role in *In re KBR, Inc., Burn Pit Litigation*, representing veterans and contract workers who developed cancers and other chronic illnesses after being exposed to allegedly toxic open-air burn pits while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. This litigation brought needed attention to the plight of veterans exposed to airborne toxins released from the burn pits. James supported efforts to



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
New York
South Carolina
West Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and Southern District of West Virginia

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2000

B.A., Wofford College, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, former New Lawyers Division Board of Governors member
South Carolina Association for Justice, former Board of Governors member

South Carolina Bar Association, Past Chairman – Torts and Insurance Practice Section
Charleston Bar Association
Public Justice Foundation

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seek relief from Congress to address veterans' injuries after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear plaintiff appeals, effectively ending the litigation. Through the efforts of many veterans and veteran advocates, Congress passed the PACT Act, which provides a pathway for VA disability benefits for burn pit and other toxic exposures resulting from military service. James is accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to represent veterans seeking VA benefits.

James takes on important cases and devotes the time, talent, and stamina needed to bring them to a successful conclusion through trial or settlement. He is not afraid to take on tough cases and do what is needed to bring about a just result. James has represented businesses that suffered losses as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. He has represented whistleblowers in qui tam actions alleging fraud against the federal government. He was also a key member of the team that litigated and ultimately achieved the historic \$100 million aggregate settlement with Lorillard Tobacco Company, Philip Morris USA, and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in 2015. This settlement resolved roughly 400 Engle-progeny tobacco cases filed in the Florida federal district court. James' tobacco work was recognized by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* as he held two of the top five largest verdicts and settlements for a South Carolina attorney for 2015.*

Prior to joining Motley Rice, James, a South Carolina native, was a Law Clerk to the Honorable John C. Few, then a South Carolina Circuit Court Judge and now a Justice on South Carolina's Supreme Court. He similarly learned his way through the federal courts while clerking for Honorable G. Ross Anderson, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina.

James is a frequent guest speaker at numerous legal conferences, medical conferences and continuing education seminars on asbestos litigation, trial advocacy, jury selection and professionalism. He is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®]. James is equally committed to making a positive impact outside the courtroom, including being involved in local charities and community improvement initiatives. He also serves as Chair of the Motley Rice Charitable Committee.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2021–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions–plaintiffs

2022–2024 Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

The National Trial Lawyers

2016, 2020–2021 *Top 100 Trial Lawyers[™]* – South Carolina

American Association for Justice

2010 F. Scott Baldwin Award: in honor of his significant contribution to the New Lawyers Division and the attainment of outstanding trial verdicts

Super Lawyers[®]

2012–2013 *South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list

Personal injury products: plaintiff; Class action/mass torts: plaintiff



GREGG S. LEVIN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With more than three decades of legal experience, Gregg Levin represents domestic and foreign institutional investors and union pension funds in corporate governance, directorial misconduct and securities fraud matters. His investigative, research and writing skills have supported Motley Rice as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous securities and shareholder derivative actions, including cases involving HP, Avon, and Cintas Corporation. Gregg manages complaint and brief writing for class action deal cases, shareholder derivative suits and securities fraud class actions.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Gregg was an associate with Grant & Eisenhofer in Delaware, where he represented institutional investors in securities fraud actions and shareholder derivative actions in federal and state courts across the country, including the WorldCom, Telxon and Global Crossing cases. He also served as corporate counsel to a Delaware Valley-based retail corporation from 1996-2003, where he handled corporate compliance matters and internal investigations.

In 2019, Gregg was appointed as a Vice President of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, a foundation whose goals include supplementing the resource-limited SEC by educating the public on the importance of private securities fraud litigation in maintaining corporate accountability. Since its inception in the 1990s, the institute has presented and published papers that have been cited in more than 60 federal cases, including several in the U.S. Supreme Court. Appearing in the media to discuss a variety of securities matters, Gregg has also presented in educational forums, including at the Ethics and Transparency in Corporate America Webinar held by the National Association of State Treasurers.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

Gregg is a published author on corporate governance and accountability issues, having written significant portions of the treatise *Shareholder Activism Handbook* (Aspen Publishers, November 2005), as well as several other articles of interest to institutional investors, including:

- “*In re Cox Communications: A Suggested Step in the Wrong Direction*” (*Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter*, September 2005)
- “Does Corporate Governance Matter to Investment Returns?” (*Corporate Accountability Report*, September 23, 2005)
- “*In re Walt Disney Co. Deriv. Litig.* and the Duty of Good Faith under Delaware Corporate Law” (*Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter*, September 2006)



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Massachusetts
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Northern District of Illinois, District of Massachusetts, and the Eastern District of Michigan

EDUCATION:

J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1987

B.A. *magna cum laude*, University of Rochester, 1984

ASSOCIATIONS:

Institute for Law and Economic Policy, Vice President

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- “Proxy Access Takes Center Stage: The Second Circuit’s Decision in American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, Employees Pension Plan v. American International Group, Inc.” (*Bloomberg Law Reports*, February 5, 2007)
- “Investor Litigation in the U.S. -- The System is Working” (*Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter*, February 2007)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, S.C.

2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs

Law360

2022 “Securities MVP”

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2022 Leadership in Law Honoree

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2019 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers



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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Throughout her career, Tope has advocated for improved worker safety and women's health issues. She takes pride in representing those catastrophically hurt or killed because of corporate wrongdoing, occupational hazards, and environmental negligence.

Passionate about the health of women, Tope works extensively on MDL 3060 In re: Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, serving on the Leadership Development Council, co-chairing a liability committee and litigating cases related to the manufacture, marketing and sales of hair relaxers. Plaintiffs in these cases assert that they developed endometrial cancer, ovarian cancer or uterine cancer after using certain chemical hair relaxers. They also allege that the manufacturers of these products failed to properly test the products and neglected to provide proper warnings to customers about potential risks. Tope has also litigated cases seeking justice on behalf of hundreds of women who suffered damaging complications after receiving pelvic mesh/sling products.

She began her career representing workers who suffered cancer, respiratory ailments and other diseases caused by other toxic chemical exposures. Today, she continues to fight for the rights of workers by representing individuals, including fire fighters, who are alleging severe health complications from occupational use of firefighting aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF). Plaintiffs in MDL No. 2873 assert these foams contain two types of PFAS, known to many as "forever chemicals". Tope works on the legal team representing the International Fire Fighters Association (IAFF) in their legal efforts to remove PFAS from fire fighter bunker gear. She is a frequent speaker at local and national occupational health and safety conferences.

In addition to her toxic tort and medical casework, Tope is a part of Motley Rice's public client team. She represents states, cities, counties, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies in MDL No. 2804. Through her work on MDL No. 3047, Tope represents school districts against numerous social media companies to recover resources devoted to supporting the needs of students allegedly addicted to the social media products.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

D.C. Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2013

B.A. *with honors*, University of Central Florida, 2009

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice, Fmr. Chair – Women's Caucus
South Carolina Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission
Charleston County Bar Association

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Tope serves on the board of directors for Charleston Legal Access and by appointment by the South Carolina Supreme Court to the Access to Justice Commission, where she works to expand access to legal services across the state. She is a member of the Motley Rice DEI and Attorney Recruiting Committees. She previously served on the Board of Directors for the Charleston Habitat for Humanity, the Green Heart Project and Charleson Halos, supporting and advocating for abused and neglected children and kinship caregivers.

While a law student at the University of Virginia School of Law, Tope worked with the Legal Aid Justice Center of Charlottesville providing legal advice for low-income families in the areas of employment and housing law. She also volunteered with the Virginia Innocence Project Pro Bono Clinic, investigating cases, and seeking exoneration for wrongfully convicted individuals.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Deadly Beauty Standards, *TRIAL Magazine* (May 2024)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs; Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs; Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

South Carolina Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list

2017–2021 Personal injury–general: plaintiff

Charleston Regional Business Journal

2021 Forty Under 40

South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy

Class of 2018

The National Trial Lawyers

2022 Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs list



ALEXIS N. LILLY

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Alexis Lilly protects public entities, institutional investors and individuals through complex litigation targeting corporate negligence and misconduct.

Alexis is a part of the firm's team that represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis.

A former Motley Rice law clerk, Alexis was the Technical Editor of the *American University Business Law Review*, Vol. 9, and served as a student attorney for American University Washington College of Law's Civil Advocacy Clinic in Washington, D.C., while completing her legal studies. She also assisted faculty as a Dean's Fellow for the school's Legal Rhetoric Department, served as a judicial intern for U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras of the U.S. District Court for D.C., and gained valuable experience as a law clerk for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, American University Washington College of Law, 2020

B.A. *magna cum laude*, The Ohio State University, 2017



JOSHUA LITTLEJOHN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With a broad base of experience in complex litigation—including securities fraud, corporate governance, whistleblower cases under Dodd-Frank and the False Claims Act, and catastrophic injury and death cases—Josh Littlejohn is one of several lawyers leading Motley Rice’s securities litigation team, particularly in cases involving healthcare and e-commerce.

Josh represents public pension funds, unions and other institutional investors in both federal and state courts. He also represents people with catastrophic personal injuries and corporate whistleblowers. Josh works directly with clients and has been involved in all aspects of the litigation process, including case evaluation, fact and expert discovery, resolution and trial.

Throughout his career Josh has been involved in numerous complex securities matters including serving as lead or co-lead counsel against Alexion Pharmaceuticals; Amazon; Intel Corporation; Riot Blockchain; Wells Fargo & Company; 3D Systems Corporation; St. Jude Medical, Inc.; Omnicare; and numerous others. Along with other Motley Rice lawyers, Josh was South Carolina liaison counsel in a securities fraud class action that settled in 2020 filed by investors against SCANA Corporation over its failed nuclear reactor project. Josh regularly reviews and analyzes new securities fraud, shareholder derivative, and SEC whistleblower matters on behalf of our clients and the firm. He is currently part of the Motley Rice team evaluating cases related to exposure to contaminated ground water in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In addition to securities and personal injury matters, Josh is a member of the Motley Rice team that evaluates and litigates violations of the federal False Claims Act and Anti-kickback Statute on behalf of corporate whistleblowers.

Aside from various securities and whistleblower matters, Josh was a part of the Motley Rice negotiating team that helped secure a resolution with a major U.S. auto manufacturer on behalf of Takata airbag victims. Early in his career, Josh worked on discovery in mass tort litigation against large drug manufacturers.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Lawdragon

2019 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Super Lawyers®

2013–2017 *South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star* list
Securities litigation; Class action/mass torts; General litigation



LICENSED IN:
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third
and Fourth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District
of Colorado, District of South
Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2007

B.A., University of North Carolina –
Asheville, 1999

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
**South Carolina Association for
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MIMI LIU

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Mimi Liu protects public resources and interests through investigations and litigation filed for state attorneys general, governments, and other public entities.

Mimi plays a leading role in representing states in litigation against the manufacturers of opioids alleging deceptive marketing and over-distribution of opioids.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Mimi represented public clients in consumer protection and civil enforcement matters at a law firm in D.C. In litigation filed for the Mississippi Attorney General, she investigated national credit bureaus accused of violating state and federal laws by failing to maintain accurate credit files, ultimately recovering more than \$7 million* in relief and other consumer benefits.

She litigated claims of deceptive collection practices regarding consumer credit, auto loan and student loan debt, resulting in \$9 million in relief and statewide injunctive relief in Mississippi. Mimi previously represented the New Hampshire Attorney General in an investigation alleging deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioid drugs, recovering millions of dollars in relief for New Hampshire.

She also represents state attorneys general litigating for consumers alleging harm or economic loss due to deceptive marketing of defective Takata airbags, the largest auto-related recall in U.S. history. Mimi also represents a state attorney general litigating against a large auto lender for alleged unfair and deceptive practices toward subprime consumers and, separately, against a medical device manufacturer for unfair and deceptive practices in the sale and marketing of surgical mesh products.

In addition, Mimi advocated for constitutional civil rights as a senior lawyer for Planned Parenthood Federation of America from 2004 to 2012, arguing cases before numerous state and federal trial and appeals courts.

During her studies at Harvard Law School, Mimi served as executive editor of the Human Rights Journal and co-authored the treatise Gender Asylum Law. Following law school, Mimi clerked for the Court of Appeals of Alberta and for the Honorable Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Active in the legal community, Mimi serves on the board of directors for Public Justice, a national nonprofit legal advocacy organization that pursues high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth's sustainability, and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Circuits; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1999

B.Com. with honors, University of Alberta, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

Public Justice, Board Member

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



CHARLOTTE E. LOPER

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Charlotte Loper represents individuals and businesses in class actions and complex litigation involving consumer protection, general commercial issues, and securities fraud.

Her casework includes litigating on behalf of a class of more than a million tax return preparers who allege the IRS charged unauthorized user fees for the issuance and renewal of preparer tax identification numbers (*Steele v. United States*, Case No. 1:14-cv-1523-RCL). She also represents patients who allege their insurance provider engaged in a fraudulent scheme to overcharge for needed medical services and products while knowingly pocketing the difference.

Charlotte previously worked as an intern for South Carolina's 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office, assisting with trials and motions in General Sessions and Magistrate Court. While completing her legal studies, she worked as a research assistant for Wake Forest law professor Kami Chavis on topics including the intersection of technology and law, and racial bias in jury selection.

Charlotte served as the Executive Articles Editor for the Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law and was a member of Moot Court, in addition to being a CALI Award recipient, and winner of the Dean Reynolds Award of Excellence, among other honors and recognitions.



LICENSED IN:

North Carolina
South Carolina
Texas

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Illinois

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, Wake Forest
School of Law, 2019

B.A. *magna cum laude*, University
of South Carolina, 2016

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar
Association



PAUL T. LYONS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Paul focuses his practice on protecting consumer rights and seeking accountability for people hurt by toxic chemicals in the environment and everyday consumer products—as well as for people with life-altering injuries caused by dangerous and defective medical drugs and devices.

He also represents victims of childhood sexual abuse under “window” laws, which extend the amount of time that victims have to file childhood sexual abuse claims seeking justice and accountability for the abuse they experienced.

Paul is a part of Motley Rice’s team of attorneys representing women suffering from ovarian cancer caused by talcum powder in *In re Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*.

After graduating from law school, Paul clerked for Associate Justice Peter Sacks of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Paul then worked as a litigation associate with the Public Health Advocacy Institute’s Center for Public Health Litigation, where he pursued litigation against the tobacco industry and major social media companies, among others.

While in law school, Paul interned for the Hon. Kimberly S. Budd, then an Associate Justice and now the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Paul also completed several other intern and externships while in school. These included an externship with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Office of Enforcement, where Paul contributed substantial legal research to support the Bureau’s enforcement of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. This work inspired his later publication of a scholarly article exploring this topic, listed below. During school, Paul was also a teaching assistant and earned concentrations in business and commercial law, and in law and development.

Prior to law school, Paul worked for the National Whistleblower Center, where he contributed to the Center’s advocacy on behalf of whistleblowers before the U.S. Congress, and to the drafting of Amicus Briefs submitted before the U.S. Supreme Court and the Circuit Courts of Appeal.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

“The Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Consumer Credit Information System: Why Errors Persist and Furnishers Should Play a Greater Role in Ensuring Accuracy,” Northeastern University Law Review (May 2021)



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
New Jersey

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

EDUCATION:

J.D., Northeastern University
School of Law, 2020

B.F.A., Emerson College, 2014

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice



P. GRAHAM MAIDEN

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Graham Maiden represents victims and family members who have suffered due to negligence, dangerous products, and corporate misconduct in domestic and international cases. His practice is wide-ranging and includes product liability, anti-terrorism, occupational disease, sexual assault, catastrophic injury and medical drugs and devices.

Graham is part of the litigation and trial team representing individual smokers and families of deceased smokers against tobacco manufacturers in the Engle-progeny litigation pending in Florida. In addition, he represents workers and families suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases as a result of occupational, environmental or household exposure to asbestos, as well as workers who suffer from "popcorn lung" and other ailments caused by toxic flavoring chemicals. Graham has also assisted the team consulting with South African human rights lawyer Richard Spoor in his efforts to seek justice for exploited gold mine workers suffering from silicosis.

Graham has also worked on behalf of victims of sexual assault and battery at private boarding schools and against individual offenders. In addition to working on a wide variety of catastrophic personal injury cases, Graham has contributed to cases filed on behalf of clients injured by Takata airbags.

Graham previously supported the firm's work in *Linde v. Arab Bank*, historic litigation filed by victims of terrorist bombings in Israel against Arab Bank for its alleged role in financing Hamas and other Israeli terrorist organizations. The case marked the first time that a financial institution was brought to trial under the Anti-Terrorism Act. He assisted with the parallel suit for non-U.S. citizens, *Jesner v. Arab Bank*, which was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court under the Alien Tort Statute regarding violations of customary international law by foreign corporations.

Graham joined Motley Rice as an associate after first serving as a summer law clerk for the firm, during which time he supported litigation on behalf of people and businesses seeking to hold BP and other corporate defendants accountable for the BP oil spill.

While in law school, Graham held an internship with the Beverly Hills Sports Council, a California-based Major League Baseball player agency, where he handled research and writing projects, as well as salary arbitration preparation. Graham also brings valuable business experience to Motley Rice, having previously worked for a large real estate and development company assisting with the development and management of hotels and restaurants across the country.



LICENSED IN:

Montana
Ohio
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2011

B.S., College of Charleston, 2007

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston Bar Association

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P. GRAHAM MAIDEN

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A former collegiate athlete at the College of Charleston, Graham played baseball and proudly represented his school as a member of the All-Southern Conference Team in 2007.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers®

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



RIDGE MAZINGO

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Ridge represents institutional investors in complex securities fraud litigation. Since joining Motley Rice, he supported the securities litigation team with the judicial approval process of a \$809.5 million dollar settlement in a case, against the social media company Twitter for misleading shareholders. Ridge is also involved in securities litigation against Chegg, Inc. and Abbott Laboratories. As the son of two retired public-school educators, Ridge understands the importance of protecting pension fund investments so that hard-working men and women can retire with the dignity they deserve.

Ridge has also worked on various matters outside of the securities context representing clients in cases involving data breaches, catastrophic injury claims and anti-trust matters.

Prior to law school, Ridge gained valuable experience in state government as a Legislative Aide in the North Carolina House of Representatives and worked with a lobbying and consulting firm. While attending law school, Ridge was a member of the North Carolina Law Review, and held legal internships with the N.C. Department of Justice Consumer Protection Division and a mid-size regional firm focusing on civil defense and transactional matters.

Prior to college, Ridge was a Volunteer Firefighter for the Snow Hill Fire Department, where he received the 2011 Rookie of the Year commendation. Active in his community, Ridge volunteers with the Coastal Conservation League and the South Carolina Special Olympics.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina
School of Law, 2022

B.A. *summa cum laude*, North
Carolina State University, 2018



ROBERT J. McCONNELL

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Bob McConnell's practice concentrates on lead pigment litigation, childhood lead poisoning cases, asbestos and other toxic environmental litigation. He represents victims seeking corporate accountability as a result of personal injury, property damage and economic loss as a result of negligent environmental practices.

Bob was a member of the trial team in the landmark trial on behalf of the state of Rhode Island against corporate defendants from the lead paint industry. He secured the largest lead paint poisoning settlement in Rhode Island on behalf of a child and continues to represent children injured by lead poisoning against property owners, governmental agencies, and lead pigment companies. He also played a leading role in a statewide lobbying effort to defeat legislation that would have denied lead-poisoned children and their families the right to seek justice. Through testimony, analysis, and grassroots outreach, he helped the Rhode Island legislature pass a bill helping to prevent childhood lead poisoning without infringing on victims' rights.

In addition to his work in Rhode Island, Bob also played a key role in historic lead litigation filed in California for ten cities and counties, including San Francisco, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In January 2014, the Court found that lead paint companies Sherwin-Williams Company, NL Industries, Inc., and ConAgra Grocery Products Company created a public nuisance by concealing the dangers of lead and placed families at risk by promoting the use of toxic paint in homes. The California Court of Appeals, 6th appellate District, later affirmed the majority of the ruling and remanded the case to the Santa Clara Superior Court to decide how much defendants should pay to establish an abatement fund to clear toxic lead paint from homes in plaintiffs' jurisdictions that were constructed prior to 1951. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the decision in 2018, effectively exhausting defense appeals. The SCOTUS decision ensured that an abatement fund will be established to help protect the health and safety of thousands of California children. The case is *The People of California v. ConAgra Grocery Products Company et al.*

In 2005, Bob helped successfully argue the precedent-setting case *Thomas v. Mallett* 285 Wis 2d 236 as part of the Motley Rice trial team applying risk contribution theory to the lead paint industry before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. With more than two decades of experience in asbestos litigation, Bob also represents victims of asbestos exposure suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases. He has personally represented hundreds of asbestos victims in Rhode Island and assisted on large consolidation trials in several states including Maryland, Mississippi, and West Virginia.



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District
of Massachusetts, District of
Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D., Suffolk University School of
Law, 1987

A.B., Brown University, 1979

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association

* Please remember that every case is different. Any result we achieve for one client in one matter does not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients.

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After beginning his career as a teacher, Bob earned a law degree and clerked for the Honorable Donald F. Shea of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. He joined Motley Rice attorneys on the tobacco litigation team representing multiple state attorneys general, which resulted in the historic Master Settlement Agreement between the states and the tobacco industry.

Bob serves on the Advisory Board of the Nonviolence Institute, an organization that seeks to promote peace and nonviolence among young people in Rhode Island's inner cities. He also serves in a part-time capacity as the Municipal Housing Court Judge for the City of Central Falls, RI. In 2019, Bob received the Champion for Justice award from Roger Williams Law School for his legal work and community involvement.

Bob frequently speaks about lead paint litigation to local and regional groups such as the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Northeast Conference of Attorneys General. He is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®]. The Roger Williams University School of Law also honored him by naming him a Champion for Justice for 2019.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Best Lawyers[®] Providence, RI**

2009–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Rhode Island Super Lawyers[®] lists

2008–2021 Plaintiff: Class action/mass torts; Environmental litigation; Personal injury: general

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012–2014 Rhode Island “Litigation Star”: environmental and toxic tort

The Legal 500 United States

2015 Mass tort and class action: plaintiff representation – toxic tort



MICHAELA SHEA McINNIS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Michaela McInnis represents individuals, states, cities and other municipalities in environmental litigation involving harmful exposure to lead paint and other sources of environmental contamination.

Michaela began working with Motley Rice more than a decade ago, and, for the past several years, has represented clients injured by medical devices in multidistrict litigation and state court actions. She has worked on all aspects of the litigation including bankruptcy issues arising in the litigation and settlement of mass tort cases.

Michaela was a member of the trial team in the State of Rhode Island's landmark lead paint suit against the lead pigment industry, conducting discovery and overseeing the case management order. Her practice also includes toxic tort work, including cases of personal injury, property damage and economic loss as a result of water or land contamination. Michaela also represented more than 100 residents of Tiverton, R.I., against a major utility company for environmental contamination of residential property.

Michaela began her legal career as an attorney with the appellate staff of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, later transitioning to a diverse tax practice in New York. Her legal work extended outside of the office as a volunteer for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs in Rhode Island. Additionally, Michaela volunteered for several years with the Ethics Committee of the Visiting Nurse Association of Newport County, where she offered case reviews and guidance to the staff of the VNA regarding ethical issues.

A former adjunct professor at the University of Rhode Island, Michaela has taught both undergraduate and graduate level courses on the American legal system and constitutional law. She is a former law clerk for the Honorable Joseph R. Weisberger of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
New York
Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

L.L.M., Boston University School of Law, 1985

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, 1980

B.A., Providence College, 1977

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Rhode Island Association for Justice



KATE E. MENARD

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Katie Menard is committed to helping people harmed by allegedly defective medical devices, including women suffering from painful and serious injuries caused transvaginal mesh and pelvic mesh devices.

Katie initially joined Motley Rice as a law clerk in 2013, providing support to the medical device litigation team, including preparing motions, evaluating client records, and preparing for trials and settlements.

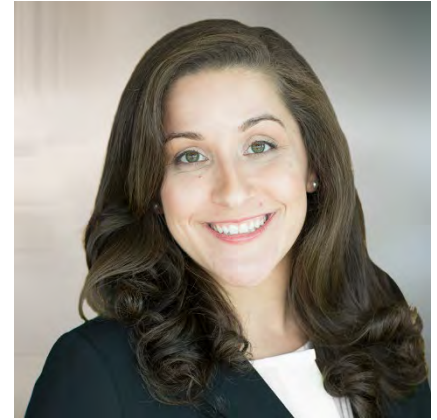
As a law student at Roger Williams University School of Law, Katie was a research assistant to Professor Kathleen Miller, a judicial extern for the Honorable Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell and an intern in the Special Prosecutions Division of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office in New York. After graduation, she worked for the Rhode Island Supreme Court Law Clerk Department, where she served as the sole law clerk to the Honorable Stephen P. Nugent of the Rhode Island Superior Court. She was also a research assistant to Chief Justice Frank J. Williams (Ret.).

A *magna cum laude* graduate and scholarship recipient, Katie was recognized with the CALI Excellence award as the highest scoring student in Legal Methods I, Advanced Criminal Procedure and Private International Law. Additionally, she served as a member of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and published two papers, "The Impact of Pretrial Publicity on an Indigent Capital Defendant's Due Process Right to a Jury Consultant" and a survey of Rhode Island Law concerning *City of East Providence v. Int'l Ass'n of Firefighters Local*.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Providence, RI

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
New York
Rhode Island

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island

EDUCATION:

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Roger Williams University School of Law, 2011

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Quinnipiac University, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

Rhode Island Bar Association



DONALD A. MIGLIORI

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Building upon his experience in complex asbestos cases, the historic tobacco lawsuits and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks litigation, Don Migliori is a multifaceted litigator who can navigate both the courtroom and the negotiating table. He represents victims of defective medical devices and drugs, occupational diseases, terrorism, aviation disasters, antitrust, and securities and consumer fraud in mass torts and other cutting-edge litigation that spans the country.

Don serves in leadership roles for a number of multidistrict litigations, including being a key member of Motley Rice's team that represents dozens of cities, towns, counties and townships in the *National Prescription Opiate* MDL against opioid manufacturers and distributors. He also represents states in similarly filed litigation. He played a significant role in negotiations on behalf of tens of thousands of women allegedly harmed by pelvic mesh/sling products and served as co-liaison counsel in the N.J. Bard pelvic mesh litigation in Atlantic County. Hundreds of cases have been filed in federal and state courts against multiple defendants.

He is also co-lead counsel for *In re Ethicon Physiomesher Flexible Composite Hernia Mesh Products Liability Litigation*, a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for *In re Bard IVC Filters Products Liability Litigation*, as well as the Depuy® Orthopaedics, Inc. ASR™ and Pinnacle® Hip Implant MDLs. Don has litigated against both Ethicon, a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary, and C.R. Bard previously in pelvic mesh litigation and also against C.R. Bard in the Composix® Kugel® hernia mesh multidistrict litigation, *In re Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch Products Liability Litigation*, the first MDL before the federal court of Rhode Island. Don also serves as co-lead plaintiffs' counsel and liaison counsel in the federal MDL, and as liaison counsel for the Composix® Kugel® Mesh lawsuits consolidated in Rhode Island state court on behalf of thousands of individuals alleging injury by the hernia repair patch.

As liaison counsel for all wrongful death and personal injury cases in the September 11th aviation security litigation, Don played a central role in the extensive discovery, mediations and settlements of more than 50 cases of aviation liability and damages against numerous defendants. He also represented families of the victims who opted out of the Victim Compensation Fund to seek greater answers, accountability and recourse. Additionally, he manages associated litigation as a lead attorney for *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, MDL #1570, a groundbreaking case designed to bankrupt the financiers of al Qaeda.



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
Minnesota
New York
Rhode Island
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, District of Massachusetts, and Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D./M.A., Syracuse University, 1993

A.B., Brown University, 1988

ASSOCIATIONS:

Law360 Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board, 2019, 2021
American Association for Justice, Board of Governors; former Executive Committee member
American Bar Association
Rhode Island Association for Justice, former President
The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

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Don contributed his experience in connection with the commencement of and strategy for shareholder derivative litigation brought on behalf Chiquita Brands International, Inc., alleging the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by paying bribes to terrorist organizations in violation of U.S. and Columbian law. He also served as trial counsel for PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund in a securities case against Forest Laboratories, Inc., and was involved in the initial liability discovery and trial strategy in an ongoing securities fraud class action involving Household International, Inc.

Don began working with Motley Rice attorneys in 1997 on behalf of the State Attorneys General in the historic lawsuit against Big Tobacco, resulting in the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. He tried several noteworthy asbestos cases on behalf of mesothelioma victims, including the state of Indiana's first contractor liability verdict and first premises liability verdict for wrongful exposure to asbestos. He continues to manage asbestos cases and actively litigates mesothelioma lawsuits and individual tobacco cases in the courtroom.

Don is a frequent speaker at legal seminars across the country and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, as well as in print media to address legal issues related to terrorist financing, aviation security, class action litigation, premises liability and defective medical devices. A "Distinguished Practitioner in Residence" at Roger Williams University School of Law for the 2010-2011 academic year, Don taught mass torts as an adjunct professor for more than 10 years. Don is an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Chambers USA

2021–2023 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 3

Best Lawyers[®] Charleston, SC

2020 "Lawyer of the Year" Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

2011–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Super Lawyers[®] lists

2018–2021 *South Carolina Super Lawyers*: Class action/mass torts; Personal Injury – products: plaintiff; Aviation and aerospace

2009–2017 *Rhode Island Super Lawyers*

2012–2013 *Top 10 Rhode Island Super Lawyers* lists

The National Trial Lawyers

2010–present Top 100 Trial Lawyers[™]: Rhode Island

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DONALD A. MIGLIORI

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Lawdragon

2024 Lawdragon 500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers list: Anti-Terrorism, Aviation, Antitrust

2024 Lawdragon Legends list

2018–2024 Lawdragon 500

2019–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

2010 Lawdragon 3,000

Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly

2020 Leader in the Law

2011 Lawyer of the Year

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

2011 Lawyers of the Year

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012–2014 Rhode Island “Litigation Star”: human rights and product liability

Providence Business News

2005 Forty Under 40



CHELSEA L. MONROE

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Chelsea Monroe represents victims of defective medical devices, as well as families and communities harmed by toxic exposure.

Specifically, Chelsea's casework includes furthering litigation for thousands of women who suffered severe, life-altering effects after receiving permanent birth control device Essure®. She also contributes to complex litigation filed against manufacturers of lead paint pigment who are alleged to have caused health and developmental problems in countless children.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Chelsea gained valuable litigation experience in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, and premises liability through her work as an attorney for general practice and business defense firms in South Carolina.

A former Motley Rice law clerk, Chelsea also completed a number of legal clerkships and internships while completing her law degree, including assisting with criminal cases for Forsyth County's District Attorney's Office and advocating for children in Forsyth County Family Court. Additionally, Chelsea was a law clerk for Greenville Health System, the largest health system in South Carolina, where she participated in a multidisciplinary team due diligence effort for an acquisition of a hospital system.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 2016

B.A. *cum laude*, University of South Carolina, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

**American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association**



CHRISTOPHER F. MORIARTY

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Christopher Moriarty litigates securities fraud and other complex litigation in the United States and consults institutional investors on opportunities to seek recovery in securities-related actions. His securities fraud class action practice encompasses every aspect of litigation, from case-starting to settlement. Notable securities fraud class actions in which he served as part of the lead counsel team include:

- *In re Twitter Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 16-cv-05314-JST (N.D. Cal.) (\$809.5 million recovery*);
- *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*, No. 13-cv-03851 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$140 million recovery*);
- *City of Brockton Retirement System v. Avon Products, Inc.*, 11 Civ. 4655 (PGG) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$62 million recovery*);
- *Hill v. State Street Corp.*, No. 09-cv-12136-GAO (D. Mass.) (\$60 million recovery*);
- *In re Hewlett-Packard Co. Securities Litigation*, No. 11-cv-1404 (RNBx) (C.D. Cal.) (\$57 million recovery*);
- *KBC Asset Management NV v. 3D Systems Corp.*, No. 15-cv-02393-MGL (D.S.C.) (\$50 million recovery*);
- *In re Medtronic, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 0:13-cv-0168 (D. Minn.) (\$43 million recovery*);
- *Första AP-Fonden and Danske Invest Management A/S v. St. Jude Medical, Inc.*, Civil No. 12-3070 (JNE/HB) (D. Minn.) (\$39.25 million recovery*);
- *Ross v. Career Education Corp.*, No. 12-cv-00276 (N.D. Ill.) (\$27.5 million recovery*); and
- *KBC Asset Management NV v. Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-10105-MLW (D. Mass.) (\$22.25 million recovery*).

Christopher has also represented investors in direct actions under federal securities laws, in shareholder derivative litigation, and in antitrust class actions; whistleblowers in proceedings before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and relators in qui tam litigation. In the international context, Christopher serves as U.S. counsel to the Stichting Petrobras Compensation Foundation in the Netherlands, which represents the interests of investors who traded in Petrobras securities outside the United States and who suffered losses as a result of an alleged long-running fraud and bribery scheme perpetrated by Petrobras and certain of its related entities and former executives.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Eastern District of Michigan, and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2011

M.A., Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2007

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent), Inns of Court School of Law, 2006

Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation), BPP Law School, London, 2005

B.A., Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2003

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Association for Justice

**American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association**

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In addition to his securities practice, Christopher represents dozens of governmental entities in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies in connection with the opioid epidemic. As part of that, he served as one of Washington State's litigation and trial counsel in its action against the "Big Three" distributors of prescription opioids that resulted in a \$518 million settlement after trial. He also successfully briefed and argued the oppositions to numerous motions to dismiss in the State of Alaska's action against numerous opioid manufacturers.*

As part of his pro bono practice, Christopher has drafted *amicus curiae* briefs in approximately 20 constitutional law cases before the U.S. Supreme Court (which has cited his work) and the federal courts of appeal. Outside of his legal practice, Christopher serves on the Board of Directors of Operation Sight, a non-profit that provides free cataract surgery and other services to those in need.

Christopher was called to the Bar in England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in 2008.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Christopher F. Moriarty, *Supreme Court Rules That Securities Act Time Bar Is Not Subject to American Pipe Tolling*, Class Action & Derivative Suits Newsletter, American Bar Association (Oct. 3, 2017)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS:

Panelist, Experts: Communicating Complex Ideas and Issues in Litigation Consistent with Messaging Trends, American Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Conference (May 6, 2022)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

South Carolina Super Lawyers[®] Rising Stars list
2016–2021 Securities litigation



WILLIAM H. NARWOLD

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Bill Narwold has advocated for corporate accountability and fiduciary responsibility for nearly 40 years, representing consumers, governmental entities, unions and institutional investors. He litigates complex securities fraud, shareholder rights and consumer fraud lawsuits, as well as matters involving unfair trade practices, antitrust violations and whistleblower/qui tam claims.

Bill leads Motley Rice's securities and consumer fraud litigation teams and False Claim Act practice. He is also active in the firm's appellate practice. His experience includes being involved in more than 200 appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeal and multiple state courts.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2004, Bill directed corporate, securities, financial, and other complex litigation on behalf of private and commercial clients for 25 years at Cummings & Lockwood in Hartford, Connecticut, including 10 years as managing partner. Prior to his work in private practice, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Warren W. Eginton of the U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut from 1979-1981.

Bill often acts as an arbitrator and mediator both privately and through the American Arbitration Association. He is a frequent speaker on legal matters, including class actions. Named one of 11 lawyers "who made a difference" by *The Connecticut Law Tribune*, Bill is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

Bill has served the Hartford community with past involvements including the Greater Hartford Legal Assistance Foundation, Lawyers for Children America, and as President of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. For more than twenty years, Bill served as a Director and Chairman of Protein Sciences Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company in Meriden, Connecticut.

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LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
District of Columbia
New York
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, D.C., and Federal Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern District of Michigan, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, University of Connecticut School of Law, 1979

B.A., Colby College, 1974

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Foundation, Past President
Taxpayers Against Fraud
University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, past Board of Trustees member

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Connecticut Law Tribune

2022 Connecticut Legal Awards “Distinguished Leaders” list

Best Lawyers®

2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023 Hartford, Conn. “Lawyer of the Year”: Litigation–Banking and Finance

2005–2024 Litigation–Banking and Finance; Mergers and acquisitions; Securities

2022–2024 Antitrust Law

Super Lawyers®

2009–2022 *Connecticut Super Lawyers and New England Super Lawyers®* lists
Securities litigation; Class action/mass torts

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Connecticut Bar Foundation

2008 Legal Services Leadership Award

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DOUGLAS P. NEEDHAM

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SENIOR COUNSEL

A senior litigator, Doug Needham protects worker rights and benefits through cases brought under the Employee Retirement Security Act (ERISA) and consumer protection statutes regarding pension calculations, 401(k) investments, ERISA vesting rules, insurance rates and executive compensation. Working closely with actuaries, economists and statisticians, Doug's cases involve complex annuity, investment and insurance products, as well as the effect of corporate mergers and spin-offs on employee benefits.

He was a partner at a boutique plaintiffs' class action firm before joining Motley Rice, playing a lead role in developing novel cases brought under the ERISA statute and helping thousands of workers across the country recover money and benefits, including:

- *Berry v. Wells Fargo* (\$79 million settlement.* Worked alongside Motley Rice as co-lead counsel. The settlement was the largest recovery for a "top hat case" in the history of ERISA)
- *Cruz v. Raytheon* (\$59 million settlement* as class counsel)
- *Snider v. Seventy-Seven Energy* (\$15 million settlement* as co-lead counsel)
- *Stegemann v. Gannett* (co-class counsel)

Before focusing on his practice representing plaintiffs, Doug represented clients in business torts, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud cases as a partner at a large corporate law firm in Connecticut.

A former All-Ivy lacrosse player during his time at Cornell, Doug is a youth lacrosse and basketball coach and a board member for a local lacrosse program and previously was the risk manager for a youth soccer program.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Connecticut Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list
2015–2018 Class Action & Mass Torts, Business Litigation



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
Massachusetts
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Second Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Central District of Illinois, District of Massachusetts, Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of New York, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2007

B.S., Cornell University, 2004

*Please remember that every case is different. Any result we achieve for one client in one matter does not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients.

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WILLIAM S. NORTON

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Bill Norton litigates securities fraud, corporate governance, False Claims Act, SEC whistleblower and other complex class action, consumer, and commercial matters. Bill has represented institutional and individual investors in securities fraud and shareholders actions before federal, state, and appellate courts throughout the country. He has also represented whistleblowers before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission through the Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Program and *qui tam* relators in actions under the False Claims Act.

Securities Fraud Litigation

Bill represents institutional investors as a member of the lead counsel teams in litigation involving Amazon.com, Inc., Intel Corporation, Qualcomm Inc., Seagate Technology Holdings plc, and Sotera Health Company. His previous securities fraud matters include:

- *In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$192.5 million recovery as Liaison Counsel*)
- *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.* (\$131 million recovery*)
- *Boston Retirement System v. Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* (\$125 million recovery*)
- *City of Brockton Retirement System v. Avon Products, Inc.* (\$62 million recovery*)
- *Hill v. State Street Corporation* (\$60 million recovery*)
- *City of Sterling Heights General Employees' Retirement System v. Hospira, Inc.* (\$60 million recovery*)
- *In re Hewlett-Packard Company Securities Litigation* (\$57 million recovery*)
- *In re Medtronic, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$43 million recovery*)
- *Hatamian v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.* (\$29.5 million recovery*)
- *Ross v. Career Education Corporation* (\$27.5 million recovery*)

Shareholder Derivative Litigation

Bill has represented shareholders in derivative actions, including:

- *Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust v. Gemunder* (\$16.7 million payment and significant corporate governance reforms*)
- *In re Walgreen Co. Derivative Litigation* (corporate governance reforms concerning compliance with Controlled Substances Act*)

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LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
New York
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Ninth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Northern District of Illinois, District of Massachusetts, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2004

B.A./B.S. *magna cum laude*, University of South Carolina, 2001

ASSOCIATIONS:

Federal Bar Association
American Bar Association
American Association for Justice
New York State Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association

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Merger and Acquisition Litigation

Bill has represented institutional shareholders in corporate M&A litigation, including:

- *In re Allion Healthcare, Inc. Shareholders Litigation* (\$4 million payment to shareholders*)
- *In re RehabCare Group, Inc., Shareholders Litigation* (\$2.5 million payment, modification of merger agreement, and additional disclosures to shareholders*)
- *In re Atheros Communications Shareholder Litigation* (preliminary injunction delaying shareholder vote and requiring additional disclosures to shareholders in \$3.1 billion merger*)
- *Maric Capital Master Fund, Ltd. v. PLATO Learning, Inc.* (preliminary injunction requiring additional disclosures to shareholders in \$143 million private-equity buyout*)

Other Commercial, Consumer Fraud, and Whistleblower Matters

Bill has represented clients in a variety of commercial, consumer fraud, and whistleblower matters, including:

- Satellite retailers in class action against EchoStar Corporation (\$83 million recovery*)
- Municipal bondholders in class action concerning alleged Ponzi scheme (\$7.8 million recovery*)
- *A qui tam* whistleblower in appeal, resulting in reinstatement of claim for employment retaliation*
- Consumers in class action against DirecTV regarding early cancellation fees
- German bank in litigation concerning collateralized debt obligations
- Investors in actions concerning variable life insurance policies funneled to the Madoff Ponzi scheme

Before joining Motley Rice, Bill practiced securities and commercial litigation in the New York office of an international law firm. In law school, Bill served as an Editor of the *Boston University Law Review* and was a G. Joseph Tauro Distinguished Scholar. He worked as a law clerk in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, represented asylum seekers at Greater Boston Legal Services, and studied law at the University of Oxford. Before law school, Bill worked for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina and volunteered with the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program of Charleston. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Carolina Honors College. Bill is recognized as an AV[®]-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Lawdragon

2019 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Super Lawyers[®]

2013–2019 *South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list
Securities litigation; Class action/mass torts; General litigation



LANCE OLIVER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Lance Oliver is a trial lawyer who litigates class actions, mass torts, and other complex matters. He has experience with all phases of litigation from filing the complaint, trying the case, and pursuing appeals. His practice focuses on securities and consumer fraud class actions, tobacco litigation, and defective products.

Lance has recently acted as lead trial counsel in a number of Engle progeny cases in Florida, representing smokers and their families against tobacco manufacturers. He argued a successful appeal to the Fourth District Court of Appeals in Florida, securing a verdict for a smoker's widow in a wrongful death suit against tobacco giants Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds in *Philip Morris USA Inc. et al. v. Marchese*. He also served as counsel in *Berger v. Philip Morris USA Inc.*, which resulted in a verdict for a client who fell victim at a young age to the manufacturer's marketing campaigns targeting children.

Lance has also devoted a substantial amount of time to litigating securities fraud class actions, and has served as co-lead counsel for the class in many securities fraud cases including *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund, et al. v. Pharmacia Corp., et al.*, a securities fraud class action that resulted in a settlement for plaintiffs. More recently, Lance selected the jury as co-trial counsel for the end-payor class in *In re Solodyn (Minocycline Hydrochloride) Antitrust Litigation*, a pay-for-delay antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2007, Lance served as an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of a national law firm, where he worked on complex products liability litigation at both the trial and appellate levels.

Lance is a member of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBC). After graduating from Duke Law School, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable James Hughes Hancock of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama. He is recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®]. Lance is the Board of Directors Vice Chair of the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center and the former Chair of the American Lung Association Local Leadership Board for Charleston.



LICENSED IN:

Alabama
District of Columbia
Florida
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fifth and the Eleventh Circuits; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, and the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION:

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2004

B.A., Samford University, 2001

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

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LANCE OLIVER

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Benchmark Litigation

2022 Plaintiff Litigator of the Year

2022 Impact Case Award

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

2021 Leadership in Law Honoree

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

South Carolina Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list

2013–2018 Securities litigation; Class action/mass torts

The National Trial Lawyers

2016 Top 100 Trial Lawyers™ South Carolina:



MEGHAN S. B. OLIVER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Meghan Oliver's practice focuses on complex litigation and class actions, including work on securities fraud cases, general commercial litigation, and consumer fraud litigation.

She is actively involved in various class actions, including several against health insurers for drug and equipment overcharges, and one alleging that the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts charges more for PACER services than is authorized by statute (*Nat'l Veterans Legal Services Program v. United States*, Case No. 16-745-ESH). She also represents large public pension funds, unions, and institutional investors in securities fraud class actions, including *In re Twitter, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 3:16-cv-05315-JST-SK and *In re Qualcomm Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 17-CV-00121-JAH-WVG.

Additionally, Meghan helps to lead litigation filed for a class consisting of more than a million tax return preparers alleging the IRS charged unauthorized user fees for the issuance and renewal of preparer tax identification numbers, (*Steele v. United States*, Case No. 1:14-cv-1523-RCL).

She has also worked on several antitrust matters in the past, including *In re North Sea Brent Crude Oil Futures Litigation*, *In re Libor-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation*, and generic drug cases involving "reverse payment" agreements.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Meghan worked as a business litigation and antitrust associate in Washington, D.C. There, she assisted in the trial of a multidistrict litigation antitrust case and assisted in multiple corporate internal investigations. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

National Law Journal
2022 Litigation Trailblazer

Lawdragon
2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina
Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Illinois and District of
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Virginia School of
Law, 2004

B.A. with distinction, University of
Virginia, 2000

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

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similar outcome.



JOHN DAVID O'NEILL

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

John David O'Neill focuses his litigation efforts on catastrophic injury, products liability, automotive defect, and wrongful death cases. With a background in engineering, John brings a technical approach to case review and analysis.

In particular, John is heavily involved in vehicle defect cases alleging injuries caused by defective Takata airbags.

John has consulted as an engineer on projects involving manufacturing, transportation, institutional, municipal and residential construction. Prior to attending law school, he was a lead manufacturing engineer with an international aerospace corporation where he was responsible for planning repairs for damaged parts and other components that did not meet specifications.

John was also a member of the engineering team that performed quality inspections of structural installations on behalf of the S.C. DOT on the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge in Charleston, S.C., one of the longest cable-stayed bridges in North America. John was formerly a South Carolina property attorney, having worked on construction defect claims, negotiated commercial property deals in Charleston, and provided representation in Circuit Court and Municipal Court on criminal and civil matters.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2013

B.S., Clemson University, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
American Society of Civil Engineers



JONATHAN D. ORENT

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Jonathan Orent is a seasoned trial lawyer who advocates for people hurt by medical devices, pharmaceutical drugs, social media addiction and other consumer products. Jonathan has led multiple large-scale litigations for his clients.* Beyond his work in the courtroom, Jonathan has become a recognized voice in the field of e-discovery and other emerging topics in the law.

Jonathan appointed lead counsel of hernia mesh litigation *In re Atrium Medical Corp. C-QUR Mesh Products Liability Litigation*, MDL #2753 and serves as co-lead and co-liaison counsel in the largest consolidated hernia mesh litigation in the country, *In re Davol/C.R. Bard Hernia Mesh Multi-Case Management Coordination*. Jonathan led Motley Rice's hernia mesh trial team in *Trevino et al. v. Davol* in 2022, achieving a \$4.8 million* verdict against C.R. Bard following a month-long jury trial in Rhode Island Superior Court. He was co-liaison counsel in the *In re Bard Litigation* in New Jersey state court and as state court liaison counsel in Massachusetts. He was a member of the litigation team that successfully tried the *Barba v. Boston Scientific Corporation* case to a \$100 million verdict* in Delaware (later reduced by appeal to \$10 million). Jonathan also argued the successful appeal to the Massachusetts Court of Appeals, which allowed key evidence relating to Boston Scientific's alleged knowledge of the potential harm caused by its products.

In addition to his leadership in hernia and pelvic mesh litigation, Jonathan is spearheading emerging litigation and is pursuing cases against the makers of weight loss drugs Ozempic and Wegovy.

Outside of his medical device work, Jonathan represents children and parents who allege Instagram purposefully designed its platform to be addictive to young people and increased its user growth at the expense of the mental health of its users. Jonathan also represents communities and people facing personal injury, property damage and economic loss as a result of negligence, environmental hazards or groundwater and soil contamination. In 2008, he sued a large New England utility company for more than 100 Tiverton, R.I., residents who claimed they suffered damages resulting from environmental contamination of their residential property. More recently, Jonathan helped settle contamination litigation between members of the Tallevast, Fla., community and a major aerospace defense contractor involving property damage and emotional distress caused by the alleged release of trichloroethylene (TCE), perchloroethylene (PCE) and other chemicals into the groundwater.



LICENSED IN:

Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Wisconsin

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, District of Rhode Island, and the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., Washington University School of Law, 2004

B.A., University of Rochester, 2001

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, Chair – Hernia Mesh Litigation Group

Rhode Island Association for Justice, Board of Governors
Complex Litigation E-Discovery Forum

The Sedona Conference, Member Working Group 1

American Bar Association, Life Fellow

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Jonathan has worked on complex litigation against the lead paint industry on behalf of government entities in California, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, as well as lead poisoning cases for individual children and families against property owners. He also assists with discovery and trial preparation of the firm's asbestos cases.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2005, Jonathan was a law clerk with the Missouri State Public Defender Youth Advocacy Unit and a legal intern for Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois. Recognized as an AV[®] rated attorney Martindale-Hubbell[®], he has made numerous presentations on a variety of legal matters involving medical device litigation, environmental law, and e-discovery. He currently serves on the Sedona Conference Working Group that publishes important and influential commentary in the field of e-discovery. He is an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University School of Law, teaching about Rhode Island's influential history in mass torts. He also served on the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, a group whose mission is to address key community issues and discrimination matters, such as foreclosure scams and the disparate treatment of minority youth. Jonathan is President of AG Bell Rhode Island, as well as a member of the Rhode Island Early Intervention Work Group, a group that reviews early intervention services provided to deaf or hard of hearing children between the ages of 0-3 in Rhode Island.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**New England Legal Awards****2023 Distinguished Leaders list****Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly****2022** Leader in the Law**Rhode Island Super Lawyers[®] list****2018–2023** Environmental litigation; Personal injury – product: plaintiff**Rhode Island Super Lawyers[®] Rising Stars list****2014–2017** Business litigation; Class action/mass torts; Appellate**Best Lawyers[®] Providence, RI****2023–2024** Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs**2024** Product liability litigation – plaintiffs



ANDREW W. PATTERSON

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Andrew Patterson assists people suffering from mesothelioma and other life-threatening lung diseases caused by asbestos exposure.

Andrew works with clients, claimants and co-counsel to submit bankruptcy trust claims to the numerous trust facilities established for the victims of asbestos-related diseases.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Andrew conducted research and drafted reports related to mineral rights in the Fijian Islands and supported other domestic legislative projects for a law firm in Camden, S.C.

While pursuing his legal studies at Charleston School of Law, Andrew was the recipient of CALI awards for Professional Responsibility and Trial Advocacy, and served as a William Ackerman Summer Fellow and Extern through Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, completing more than 100 hours of *pro bono* work. He also assisted with monthly legal information sessions offered to Charleston residents by the Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina, a nonprofit benefitting at-risk low-income families. Andrew gained valuable learning experience through the Judicial Observation and Experience Program, which afforded him the opportunity to work with the Honorable Judy McMahon of Charleston County Family Court in July 2012, and the Honorable Robert S. Armstrong of Beaufort County Family Court in May 2011.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2013

B.A. *cum laude*, Hampden-Sydney
College, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

**Charleston County Bar
Association**



MICHAEL J. PENDELL

860.218.2722 mpendell@motleyrice.com

MEMBER ATTORNEY

Michael Pendell is a trial lawyer who represents people affected by corporate wrongdoing, including whistleblowers, people harmed by tobacco, prescription medications, dangerous medical devices, and victims of international terrorism. He also represents pension fund trustees and other institutional investors in securities, consumer fraud, and other complex class actions.

Michael served as trial counsel in a number of prescription opioid lawsuits representing dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, and counties in litigation against several pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and distributors for the alleged deceptive marketing and distribution of highly addictive prescription opioids.

A former Naval Reservist who served in a security unit, Michael litigates on behalf of victims of foreign terrorism and international human rights abuses. Michael, along with other Motley Rice attorneys, is pursuing a civil action against the financiers and supporters of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Michael represents personal injury clients, including people allegedly harmed by tobacco products and thousands alleging harm by dangerous medical devices. He served as trial counsel in the Engle-progeny litigation in Florida for smokers and families of deceased smokers against tobacco manufacturers. In transvaginal mesh litigation, he represented women implanted with Ethicon Gynecare Prolift transvaginal mesh devices claiming serious injuries and complications from the devices.

Michael represents institutional and individual investors in claims involving securities fraud. He played a central role on the litigation team that obtained a seven-figure arbitration award in a case involving secondary liability for an investment advisor's conduct under the Uniform Securities Act. Michael also represents clients in complex commercial cases regarding claims of fraud, breach of contract, and tortious interference, as well as representing whistleblowers in multiple cases involving the False Claims Act, including litigation filed against Afognak Native Corp., alleging Small Business Administration regulatory violations.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Michael was an associate with a Connecticut-based law firm, where he litigated in both federal and state courts in commercial and construction law, media and administrative law, personal injury defense and labor and employment matters. He previously taught business law to B.A. and MBA candidates as an adjunct professor at Albertus Magnus College.



LICENSED IN:

Connecticut
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District
of Connecticut, Southern and
Eastern Districts of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., *summa cum laude*, Albany
Law School, 2007

B.A., *cum laude*, Emerson
College, 2000

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Connecticut Bar Association
New York State Bar Association

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For CT-specific methodology visit:
www.superlawyers.com/connecticut/selection_details.html

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Michael served as a legal intern for the Honorable Randolph F. Treece of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York and as a law clerk for the Major Felony Unit of the Albany County District Attorney's Office. He served as the executive editor for the New York State Bar Association Government Law & Policy Journal and senior editor for the Albany Law Review, which published his 2008 article entitled, "How Far is Too Far? The Spending Clause, the Tenth Amendment, and the Education State's Battle Against Unfunded Mandates."

As of January 2023, Michael serves on the Board of Directors for the Special Olympics of Connecticut.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Lawdragon**

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

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2013–2018 *Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list

Securities litigation; Business litigation; Personal injury – products: plaintiff



MICHAEL J. QUIRK

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Michael Quirk practices in the areas of consumer rights, class action, mass tort, and appellate litigation.

He currently represents people and families in Flint, Mich., who were impacted by toxic lead in the city's contaminated water crisis in *In re Flint Water Cases: Carthan v. Snyder*; women injured by defective transvaginal mesh devices in *In re Pelvic Mesh Litigation*; payday loan borrowers in Pennsylvania allegedly paying unjustifiably high interest charges to lenders seeking to evade liability through misuse of Indian tribal immunity in *Williams et al. v. MacFarlane Grp, Inc. et al.*; and student loan borrowers who faced collection actions on a defunct for-profit trade school's institutional loans alleged to be fraudulent in *Gonzalez et al. v. New Century Financial Services, Inc. as assignee of Med-Com Career Training, Inc. d/b/a Drake College of Business*; among other cases.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, he was a partner in two Philadelphia law firms, where he was lead appellate counsel for prevailing plaintiffs in cases involving expert admissibility on causation of a rare and fatal lymphoma by prescription drugs, liability and qualified immunity in a police-on-police shooting, retaliatory employment discrimination under Title VII, women's breast cancer caused by hormone replacement therapy (HRT) drugs, and enforceability of mandatory arbitration clauses barring class actions in payday lending and other consumer contracts. He also was lead or co-lead trial court counsel for plaintiffs in cases against Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and JPMorgan Chase among others allegedly involving predatory Option Adjustable Rate Mortgage (Option ARM) loans that drained the equity from borrowers' homes, against rent-to-own companies charging allegedly unlawful interest or add-on fees to low-income consumers, and against credit card issuers for allegedly unlawful charges.

Michael also has represented public interest, consumer rights and public health organizations as *amici curiae* in support of consumers and other plaintiffs.

Previously, he was a staff attorney and Equal Justice Works Fellow with Public Justice, P.C., a national public interest law firm, and was Supreme Court Assistance Project Fellow with the Public Citizen Litigation Group, both in Washington, D.C.

A frequent public speaker, Michael has contributed to discussions of class actions and other legal matters. Michael serves as co-chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Consumer Advocates, a nationwide, non-profit association of more than 1,500 private and public sector and legal services lawyers, law professors, and law students whose primary focus is representation and protection of consumers.



LICENSED IN:

New Jersey
Pennsylvania

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Northern District of New York

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, University of Michigan Law School, 1999

M.A. Rutgers University, 1996

B.A. The College of New Jersey, 1992

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Public Justice, a national public interest law firm, awarded Michael its Access to Justice Award in 2003 for his work as co-counsel in helping win unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Sprietsma v. Mercury Marine*, defeating federal preemption and preserving access to justice for a wrongful death claimant.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

- *Consumer Class Actions*, Ninth and Tenth Editions (National Consumer Law Center 2016, 2020) (co-author)
- *Consumer Arbitration Agreements: Enforceability and Other Topics*, First through Seventh Editions and annual supplements thereto (National Consumer Law Center and Public Justice Foundation 2001-2015) (co-author)
- *New Jersey Mass Torts & Class Action Treatise* (New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education 2015) (peer-review editor)
- National Association of Consumer Advocates, *Standards and Guidelines for Litigating and Settling Consumer Class Actions*, 299 F.R.D. 160 (3d ed. 2014) (drafting committee member); 255 F.R.D. 215 (2d ed. 2006) (committee member and co-drafter)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**Public Justice**

2003 Access to Justice Award



ANN K. RITTER

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Ann Ritter is a multi-faceted litigator and negotiator with more than 35 years of experience in complex litigation involving matters as varied as securities, products liability and consumer protection.

Ann is actively involved in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL targeting alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution that is believed to have fueled the opioid crisis. Ann also joined Motley Rice co-founder Joe Rice in negotiations in the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action for consumers whose vehicles were designed to bypass regulations. The nearly \$15 billion settlement for 2.0-liter vehicles is the largest consumer auto-related consumer class action in U.S. history, and among the fastest reached of its kind. She also engaged in negotiations throughout Takata Corp.'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy process and helped secure a pair of favorable resolutions for current and future personal injury victims.

After playing key roles in many areas of the firm, including occupational diseases and transportation, Ann helped establish the firm's securities fraud practice more than a decade ago, which has since held as many as 49 lead or co-lead positions in litigation.

Ann serves as a frequent speaker on legal topics such as worker safety, shareholder rights and corporate governance. In 2007, she addressed leading German institutional investors as a keynote speaker on the impact of U.S. class actions at the Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e. V. Practical Workshop for institutional investors in Frankfurt, Germany. Additionally, Ann has served for many years as the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association (SMWIA) occupational disease counsel, and participated in the early work that led to Sheet Metal Occupational Health Institute Trust (SMOHIT). She also served on the Executive Advisory Council of the International Pleural Mesothelioma Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School.

Ann is the co-author of Asbestos in Schools, published by the National School Boards Association. Ann previously served on the Advisory Committee for the Tobacco Deposition and Trial Testimony Archives (DATTA) Project and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of the South Carolina Special Olympics, the Advisory Board of the Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center, and the Advisory Board of The University of Mississippi School of Law. She is recognized as a BV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Eleventh Circuits

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Tennessee, 1982

B.S., Florida State University, 1980

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Association for Justice

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TAMMY CAULEY RIVERS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Tammy Rivers litigates across multiple practice areas, representing victims and survivors of global terrorism, as well as consumers, businesses and communities burdened with harmful effects of corporate and other misconduct.

Tammy represents terrorism victims in litigation against al Qaeda and its sponsors in Saudi Arabia and others who are accused of providing material support to Osama bin Laden that enabled hijackers to attack the U.S. on September 11, 2001. Her anti-terrorism casework also includes fighting for U.S. military service members and contractors injured by EFP roadside bombs while serving in the Iraq war.

In the class action *In re: Blackbaud Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, Tammy represents consumers affected by the 2020 ransomware attack on Blackbaud and resulting data breach.

She is a member of the team leading the multidistrict litigation *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation* and similar cases pending in California state court for children, teens and their families against social media platforms such as Meta and Instagram. Plaintiffs allege the defendant social media products are defectively designed because they are designed to maximize screen time, which can lead to addictive behavior in adolescents and result in severe emotional and physical harms as well as death.

As an attorney on Motley Rice's opioid litigation team, Tammy represents dozens of states, counties, cities, towns, and townships in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioid drugs, a contended cause of the nationwide opioid crisis.

Before pursuing her law degree, Tammy was a senior paralegal at Motley Rice on tobacco, asbestos, anti-terrorism and lead paint poisoning cases. While in law school, Tammy worked for a time as a research assistant focusing on bioethics. She also clerked for the S.C. Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2014

B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1989

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Association for Justice

American Bar Association

South Carolina Bar Association

Richland County Bar Association



MICHAEL G. ROUSSEAU

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Michael Rousseau focuses his practice on representing people harmed by defective medical devices, as well as workers and families impacted by mesothelioma and other asbestos-related lung diseases.

Most recently, Michael has played a key role in assisting thousands of women harmed by defective transvaginal mesh, including working on discovery and settlements. Previously, he spent five years heavily involved in Composix® Kugel® Mesh litigation, including defendant liability, discovery and trials. He is also a member of the legal team that successfully advocated for an extension of the risk contribution theory of liability in Wisconsin in 2005, enabling lead-poisoned children and families to seek compensation from former manufacturers of lead paint.

As a law student, Michael provided volunteer representation to autistic children to help them obtain special education services and physical therapy pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



LICENSED IN:

California
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Wisconsin

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION:

J.D., Pepperdine University, 1999

B.S., Bentley College, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

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RANEE SAUNDERS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Ranee Saunders advocates to protect the rights of the injured in complex class actions and institutional investors in securities fraud litigation.

Ranee is involved in a securities fraud class action filed against AbbVie Inc. that alleges the company engaged in illegal kickbacks and other misconduct to boost sales. She also represents Upstart Holdings, Inc. shareholders who allege the company made misleading statements with regards to its artificial intelligence technology. Her casework also includes class action work for individuals and businesses.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Ranee practiced at a South Carolina firm in complex and class action litigation, including representing states and local governments in cases stemming from the opioid epidemic, and serving as class counsel in companion class action cases against the then-largest suppliers of electricity in South Carolina. Ranee also has extensive criminal appellate experience, having handled criminal appeals in private practice and serving as an Assistant Attorney General in South Carolina's Criminal Appeals Division. Ranee spent the first five years of her legal career as a law clerk for Justice Kaye G. Hearn (retired) on the Supreme Court of South Carolina.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District
of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
South Carolina School of Law,
2011

B.A., *cum laude*, University of
South Carolina, 2003



MARGARET L. SCALISE

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Margaret Scalise represents people and communities harmed by environmental contaminants that are hazardous to human health.

Margaret's casework includes litigating for military members, their families and civilians who were exposed to harmful water contamination at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and were later diagnosed with bladder cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia, Parkinson's, and Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among others. She also litigates for people and municipalities exposed to toxic per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS "forever chemicals," which do not biodegrade and are extremely persistent in the environment. This includes her work contributing to *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2873, for public water systems and communities coping with water contamination caused by AFFF firefighting suppressants. The MDL seeks to make those responsible pay for remediation and medical monitoring.

Margaret clerked for the Hon. William H. Seals, Jr., Chief Administrative Judge for the 15th Circuit, shortly after law school. A former Motley Rice law clerk, Margaret gained additional experience through summer clerkships at a South Carolina based personal injury firm and a business defense litigation firm while completing her legal studies.

Margaret served as a Green Zone Ally in college and went on to work as a student attorney for the Veterans Legal Clinic. Margaret also participated in the Judge Observation Experience Program as a Master-in-Equity judicial intern with the Hon. Cynthia Howe. Margaret served as President and Treasurer for Women in Law, and Vice President of Carolina Equality Alliance, and held memberships with the Mock Trial Bar, Student Bar Association, and Health Honor Society. She was also a Peer Mentor to the Class of 2023, a Guardian ad Litem, and serving on the Pro Bono Board. She received a CALI Award for Family law, and the John R. Holland Scholarship Award.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 2022

B.A. *summa cum laude*, Clemson University, 2019

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
South Carolina Women Lawyers
Association Young Lawyers
Division Membership Committee,
Professional Development
Committee



MARY F. SCHIAVO

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

A CNN Analyst and former U.S. Department of Transportation Inspector General, Mary Schiavo seeks accountability and industry change from corporations, institutions and the government so that they may meet their obligation to protect the safety and security of the traveling public. With years of experience in transportation litigation, Mary represents victims and their families suffering from negligence of airline, automotive, commercial trucking, motorcoach and rail companies.

A leader of the firm's aviation team, Mary has represented passengers and crew of most major U.S. air crashes, as well as pilots and passengers on private or charter planes. She represents passengers, pilots, flight attendants and select owners and operators. Her experience with major, complex aviation litigation includes more than 50 cases on behalf of the family members of the passengers and crew of all the planes hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

Mary has held numerous government appointments under three U.S. Presidents, including that of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation from 1990 to 1996. Under Mary's direction, the agency investigated air safety, crimes and disasters; secured more than 1,000 criminal convictions; and exposed billions of dollars of fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer money. She testified before Congress multiple times on transportation safety, security, budgeting and infrastructure. In recognition of her work combating the use of bogus aircraft parts worldwide, Mary was honored by *Aviation Week* with its Aviation Laurel Award in 1992 and 1995 and was inducted into the Aviation Laurel Hall of Fame in 1997.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney early in her career, Mary litigated civil cases and prosecuted federal white-collar crimes, bank and securities fraud, mail and wire fraud, drug trafficking and counterfeiting. During her appointment, she also served on the U.S. Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force, prosecuting high-profile criminal cases of bank and securities fraud and related mail and wire fraud, including a large investigation of a bank and securities fraud scheme that resulted in the federal takeover of banks, savings and loans throughout the Midwest.

In 1987, Mary was selected as a White House Fellow and assigned to the U.S. Attorney General, where she worked as the Special Assistant for Criminal Affairs. In this role, she reviewed high security prosecutions, prepared Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Requests, attended foreign legal summits with the Attorney General and worked on international prisoner and evidence exchanges. During this time, she also taught trial technique at the U.S. Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy. Her work earned her an appointment as the Assistant U.S. Secretary of Labor in 1989, where she led the Office of Labor Management Standards, supervising union elections and investigations on election and financial irregularities.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
Florida
Maryland
Missouri
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION:

J.D., New York University School of Law, 1980 (Root-Tilden Scholar)

M.A., The Ohio State University, 1977 (University Fellow)

B.A. *cum laude*, Harvard College, 1976

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association, First Female Assembly Delegate, House of Delegates 1986–1989
International Society of Air Safety Investigators, affiliate member
International Air and Transportation Safety Bar Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, Chair of Legislation

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A frequent on-air contributor or consultant for several networks, Mary has appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, Fox News, NBC, BBC, the History Channel and Discovery Channel. Named by *Glamour* magazine as a 1997 Woman of the Year, 1987 Working Woman of the Year and a Top Ten College Student in 1975, she has spoken about aviation safety on 20/20, 60 Minutes, Good Morning America, Larry King Live, Nancy Grace, Nightline, Oprah, The O'Reilly Factor, Today, and Your World with Neil Cavuto, among others. Mary is the author of *Flying Blind*, *Flying Safe*, a *New York Times* bestseller, and was featured in *Time* magazine for exposing the poor safety and security practices of the airlines and the failures of the federal government to properly regulate the aviation industry. She contributed to *Aviation Security Management* (Volume One, 2008) and *Supply Chain Security* (Volumes One and Two, 2010).

Mary received her pilot's license soon after her driver's license, and later completed private and commercial flight training at The Ohio State University. She returned to The Ohio State University as the McConnell Aviation Chair and professor from 1998-2002 and as the Enarson Professor of Public Policy from 1997-1998. She has also served as a practitioner in residence at the New York University School of Law, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Lowcountry SC chapter of the American Red Cross.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2017 "Lawyer of the Year": Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

2010–2024 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

National Law Journal

2015 Outstanding Women Lawyers

Aviation Week

1997 Inducted to the Aviation Laureates Hall of Fame

1992, 1995 Aviation Laurel Award in recognition of her work combating the use of bogus aircraft parts

Benchmark Plaintiff

2014 Top 150 Women in Litigation list: South Carolina – mass tort, securities, aviation

2012–2014 South Carolina "Litigation Star": mass tort, securities, aviation

2012–2013 National "Litigation Star": mass tort/product liability



CARMEN S. SCOTT

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With a focus on women's products, Carmen Scott represents victims of harmful medical drugs and devices, medical negligence, and corporate misconduct. She also advocates for human trafficking victims who seek to hold hotel franchises and other corporate entities accountable for allegedly enabling trafficking for profit.

Carmen helps lead Motley Rice's mass tort pharmaceutical litigation by managing complex personal injury and economic recovery damages cases. She has been on the forefront of national litigation, including multidistrict litigation pending in California for thousands of women who developed severe health complications allegedly caused by Bayer Corp.'s contraceptive device Essure®. She previously litigated claims involving NuvaRing®, Yaz® and Yasmin® birth control drugs and devices and served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re NuvaRing Products Liability Litigation*. She also served as co-lead counsel in *In re Mirena Product Liability* state court consolidation in New Jersey, and as co-chair of the AAJ Mirena® IUD Litigation Group. She served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the multidistrict litigation *In re Power Morcellator Products Liability Litigation* and currently *In re Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*. Carmen also represents clients in a variety of drug product matters in state and federal courts, including as a member of the PSC and Co-Chair of Leadership Development Committee for *In re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, pending in Florida.

Prior to joining Motley Rice in 2005 and concentrating her efforts on the medical practice area, Carmen represented numerous clients in jury trials, working on products liability, personal injury and business cases for both plaintiffs and defendants.

Carmen is a frequent speaker on medical litigation and topics involving women's products, regularly lecturing at both legal seminars and public advocacy events on such issues as plaintiffs' rights in medical negligence and dangerous drug cases. She has been quoted in numerous national media outlets and publications, including The Associated Press, NBC News New York, *Marie Claire* and *MotherJones*.

A South Carolina native and active in the community, Carmen served as a College of Charleston alumni board member. She also proudly served on the Board of the South Carolina chapter of Make-A-Wish for many years, fundraising and promoting the organization's mission, and continues to serve as a "wish-granter" for families. She also formerly served as a board member for the nonprofit organization Charleston County Friends of the Library.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law, 1999

B.A., College of Charleston, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice,
Exchange Advisory Committee
American Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice
South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

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CARMEN S. SCOTT

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2024 “Lawyer of the Year” Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs

2022 “Lawyer of the Year” Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

2018–2024 Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs; Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

Chambers USA

2021–2023 Product Liability: Plaintiffs – Nationwide, Band 3

Super Lawyers® lists

2015–2020 *South Carolina Super Lawyers*: Personal injury plaintiff: products;

Class action/mass torts

2013–2014 *South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars*: Personal injury plaintiff:

products; Class action/mass torts

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

Charleston Regional Business Journal

2013 Forty Under 40



JENNIE SCUDDER-LEVIN

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Jennie Scudder-Levin primarily represents clients harmed by environmental contaminants and is involved in the firm's medical device and opioid epidemic litigation.

Jennie has years of litigation experience and previously represented clients in bankruptcy matters, along with institutional investors in securities and consumer fraud litigation prior to joining Motley Rice.

Her current casework includes advocating for thousands of women who have suffered severe adverse effects allegedly caused by the permanent contraceptive device, Essure®. She served on the team litigating on behalf of 10 California cities and counties regarding harmful exposure to lead paint and continues that advocacy now on behalf of persons injured by white lead carbonate products in Wisconsin.

Jennie is active in her church and with the firm's charitable and community projects.



LICENSED IN:

California
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Vanderbilt University School
of Law, 1989

A.B. *cum laude*, Duke University,
1986



HANNAN A. SEIRAFI

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

Hannan Seirafi works to protect the rights of consumers, businesses, and individuals harmed by anticompetitive practices including monopolization, price-fixing, and restraints of trade in violation of federal and state laws.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Hannan worked as an associate at a business law firm in New York. There she worked on matters ranging from commercial, international arbitration, antitrust, labor and employment, cryptocurrency, and intellectual property. Hannan also served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Kings County District Attorney's Office. She worked specifically on gender-based violence crimes as a domestic violence prosecutor.

While completing her legal studies, Hannan served as a research assistant with the American Bar Association's Center for Innovation conducting state-by-state analysis of the statutory and constitutional limitations of both audio recordings and translations of Miranda Warnings. She served as a Research Editor for the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law and as Diversity Chair for the American Constitution Society. She was a member of Women in Law and the Public Interest Law Foundation.

Her summer work included an internship with Open Society's Justice Initiative, where she researched federal corruption crimes and their application across multiple jurisdictions. Hannan also served as a law clerk with the Tulane University Legal Assistance Program, where she conducted legal research and fact investigations for civil pro bono cases for Tulane students, faculty, and staff. She was honored with a Pro Bono Krewe Award for her work.

LICENSED IN:

New York

EDUCATION:

J.D., Tulane University Law School,
2019

B.A., University of California –
Irvine, 2014

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similar outcome.



LINDA SINGER

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Linda Singer represents governments, attorneys general and other public entities in high-impact, high-stakes litigation and investigations as head of the firm's Public Client practice area. The former Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Linda's knowledge and experience includes serving in the public, not-for-profit and private sectors.

As AG, Linda gained invaluable insight into the duties of attorneys general and how law firms with the right resources and experience can aid in supporting enforcement efforts. During her tenure in the District of Columbia, she developed and expanded litigation aimed at protecting children, consumers, tenants and victims of domestic violence and gun violence while overseeing a staff of more than 350 lawyers in one of the nation's largest AG offices.

In private practice, Linda has represented clients in numerous consumer protection and financial and health care fraud lawsuits that have resulted in significant settlements and injunctive relief, including mortgage relief settlements for the states of Arizona and Nevada worth more than \$1 billion.*

At the forefront of healthcare fraud litigation alleging deceptive marketing practices and fraudulent distribution of highly addictive opioids, Linda serves as co-chair of the Manufacturer/Marketing Committee of the *National Prescription Opiate* MDL. She represents dozens of jurisdictions, including states, cities, counties, and townships in suits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Linda continues to be lead outside counsel for the City of Chicago and Santa Clara County Counsel, two of the first jurisdictions to file in the current wave of opioid litigation. The opioid epidemic has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and imposed burdens on public entities' resources and departments that must address the drug addiction, overdose, and other related costs.

She represents Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands in litigation alleging harm or economic loss due to deceptive marketing of Takata airbags, the largest auto-related recall in U.S. history. Linda has also investigated major national credit bureaus accused of violating state and federal law by failing to maintain accurate consumer credit files, and nursing homes accused of defrauding public payors and consumers by failing to maintain enough staff to ensure the health and safety of elderly residents. She has also represented the U.S. Virgin Islands in enforcement litigation against an oil company that abruptly shut down, alleging it failed to fulfill its obligation to operate a refinery in St. Croix as promised in exchange for significant tax breaks. The settlement in that case is valued at more than \$750 million in revenue and environmental cleanup.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
New York

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth and D.C. Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

EDUCATION:

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1991

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Harvard College, 1988

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LINDA SINGER*Continued...*

Linda helped secure more than \$60 million in relief for consumers whose subprime mortgages were securitized by major Wall Street banks, and repayment for students who alleged they were defrauded by a chain of for-profit colleges. She fought for workers allegedly misclassified as independent contractors by a Fortune 100 company, a move that allegedly deprived workers of legal protections and helped the company avoid contributing to state unemployment and workers' compensation programs.

Pro bono work has also been a major part of Linda's practice. She has represented individuals and public clients in cases aimed at preventing gun violence, protecting consumers, and safeguarding the rights of immigrants.

Linda served from 1994 through 2006 as Executive Director of the Appleseed Foundation, a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers®

2019–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs

2024 Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

Washington D.C. Super Lawyers® list

2013–2021 State, local & municipal; Consumer law

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers

2019–2021 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

The National Law Journal

2017 Litigation Trailblazers

2010 "Washington's Most Influential Women Lawyers"



ELIZABETH SMITH

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Elizabeth represents clients injured by corporate wrongdoing, with an emphasis on anti-terrorism, human rights, tobacco, and public client litigation. Her current practice includes representing government entities in litigation targeting the alleged deceptive marketing and over-distribution of highly addictive opioids, as well as people alleging harm by tobacco products. She also represents the 9/11 Families United to Bankrupt Terrorism multidistrict litigation aiming to bankrupt financiers of al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

Elizabeth's role in litigation involving the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks has included representing numerous families at hearings before the Victim Compensation Fund with Special Master Kenneth Feinberg and litigating aviation liability cases. She also has experience with personal injury and consumer protection cases, including vehicle defect cases, asbestos litigation, medical device cases, and lead paint poisoning lawsuits, and has managed client relations, research and discovery, and trial preparation for various litigation teams.

As an undergraduate student, Elizabeth completed a Middle East and Africa Foreign Study Program, and traveled from Kenya to Israel. While in law school, she served on the editorial board of the *ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Journal*. After graduation, Elizabeth was a law clerk for the Honorable Diane S. Goodstein, Circuit Court Judge of the First Judicial Circuit for South Carolina. She is recognized as a BV[®] rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®].

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Lawdragon

2019–2023 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Financial Lawyers



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 2000

B.A., Furman University, 1995

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Federal Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice

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LUCY BANKS SMITH

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Lucy Banks Smith represents people harmed by defective medical devices and toxic chemicals contained in consumer products.

Lucy Banks is a part of the firm's litigation team representing people harmed by toxic chemicals in products like hair relaxers and commonly used weed killers such as Roundup® and Paraquat. Lucy Banks is also involved in litigation regarding medical devices, advocating for people who have suffered serious health problems allegedly caused by devices such as Allergan's lap-bands.

Lucy Banks began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Justice John C. Few of the South Carolina Supreme Court. She is a former Motley Rice law clerk and gained additional experience throughout law school clerking for the S.C. House of Representatives and during her summer clerkships at a large litigation firm and an insurance defense firm based in South Carolina.

Lucy Banks completed USC School of Law's Children's Law Concentration Program. She has a background in child advocacy that includes interning for the DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center, volunteering with YouthBASE, an afterschool program for at-risk children, and A Child's Haven, a behavioral health program for children with developmental delays due to abuse or neglect. She was awarded the Tanya A. Gee Warriors for Justice Award by USC's School of Law for her involvement in the Juvenile Justice Clinic.

In addition to being a Merit Scholar, Lucy Banks served as Senior Article Editor for *The Journal of Law and Education*, a Peer Mentor, and a Law School Ambassador during her time in law school.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of South Carolina School of Law, 2021

B.A., Furman University, 2018

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association



CINDI A. SOLOMON

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SENIOR COUNSEL

Cindi Solomon represents dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, counties and other municipalities as part of Motley Rice's opioid litigation team.

Cindi contributes to the firm's intensive involvement in the National Prescription Opiate MDL, as well as similar cases filed in state court against manufacturers, distributors and other entities believed to have played a role in causing the opioid crisis. She has additional experience in pharmaceutical drug, defective medical device, and product liability cases, including working with Motley Rice attorneys in the 1990s on historic Big Tobacco litigation, which resulted in the largest civil settlement in U.S. history.

In addition to her legal career, Cindi has worked for several years to promote eye health in the Charleston, S.C., area. She served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired-Charleston from 2011 to 2016. She co-founded and served as Volunteer Executive Director of Operation Sight, a non-profit that provides free cataract surgery and other services to those in need. She is currently the Treasurer of Operation Sight.

Numerous other community positions she has held include:

Kiawah Island Club Board Member

Spoleto Festival USA Board Member

Medical University of South Carolina Women's Club President, 2009–2010

Trident United Way

- Community Impact Committee 2016–2022

- Board of Directors for Trident United Way 2004–2010, 2014–2015

- Women's Leadership Council President 2014–2015



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1996

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1988

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Women Lawyers



LAUREN G. STARKEY

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ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

Lauren Deshields serves within Motley Rice's in-house legal department. As Assistant General Counsel, Lauren advises the firm and its attorneys on several important matters including risk management, ethics, marketing, contracts and regulatory compliance.

Lauren served as outside general counsel for corporate clients prior to joining Motley Rice, advising companies in numerous industries at a business law firm. There, she drafted and negotiated contracts, managed private securities offerings and handled business mergers and acquisitions.

Lauren clerked for multiple personal injury and business law firms in Columbia, S.C., and completed an externship with AGFirst Farm Credit Bank while pursuing her legal studies. She served as Technology Editor for the American Bar Association's Real Property Trust and Estate Law Journal, tutored first-year students in contracts law, and is a CALI Award recipient in Contracts Law.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Charleston Business Magazine

2022-2023 Legal Elite – Business Organizations

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

2023 Leadership Charleston

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
South Carolina School of Law,
2021

B.S., East Carolina University, 2017

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association



LAURA K. STEMKOWSKI

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Laura Stemkowski advocates for victims harmed by medical drugs and devices and corporate misconduct, with a focus on women's health.

Laura's advocacy includes supporting women who were diagnosed with ovarian cancer after using Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder and other talc-based powders for feminine hygiene. She also represents people who developed breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL), a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, after receiving textured breast implants manufactured by Allergan, as well as patients harmed by allegedly defective hernia mesh. Additionally, Laura represents patients who suffered complications allegedly caused by Zantac® and other allegedly dangerous medical drugs.

In addition to her medical casework, Laura represents former Boy Scouts who suffered abuse in claims filed in the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy proceedings. She also litigates cases filed under newly enacted "window" laws that seek to hold abusers and abuse enablers accountable in civil court. Many states have and continue to pass such laws, extending the number of years available for survivors to file a childhood sexual abuse claim by opening a statute of limitations for a finite period of time.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Laura was a legal intern at the Department of Justice Environmental Division in Raleigh, N.C., where she wrote appellate arguments, summary judgment motions and other legal documents related to environmental, criminal and federal issues.

While studying at UNC School of Law, Laura held positions with the Environmental Appellate Advocacy Team and the Holderness Moot Court. She served as Vice President of the UNC School of Law Environmental Law Project, Public Relations Chair for the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Board, and Junior Attorney Coordinator for the school's Cancer Pro Bono Project. She also served as a student practitioner with the Civil Legal Clinic, where she worked on claims spanning areas including Title VII EEOC, Title IX, and domestic violence.

Laura also completed more than 100 hours of *pro bono* work with the University of North Carolina School of Law's Innocence Project and Legal Aid Divorce Clinic, as well as the Southern Environmental Law Center and Lawyer on the Line program.

In the community, Laura is involved in Be a Mentor, a non-profit organization committed to empowering youth through mentorship.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Product liability litigation–plaintiffs



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. with honors, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2016

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2013



JACOB R. STOUT

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jake Stout utilizes the civil justice system to hold negligent corporations accountable for preventable injuries and diseases suffered by workers and their families.

Having experience in all three vantages of the civil litigation process—plaintiffs, defense, and the court—Jake has a broad understanding of the challenges faced by workers in their fight for justice. His perspective is an asset for clients, as he strives to improve safety practices and corporate governance for the benefit of current and future workers.

Jake has advocated for plaintiffs' causes as an associate for multiple personal injury firms throughout his career. He has extensive experience in matters related to automobile collisions, insurance bad faith, toxic exposure, products liability, Federal Employer's Liability Act/Railroad injuries, asbestos/mesothelioma, premises liability, and other general personal injury litigation in state and federal courts. At Motley Rice, Jake works principally with the firm's Occupational Disease team to prosecute hundreds of claims on behalf of injured workers.

Jake's legal experience also includes a clerkship with a regional corporate defense firm and serving as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Phillip D. Gaujot, of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, W. Va. He previously served as a deputy campaign manager and campaign treasurer for candidates in lieutenant governor, state representative, and county commissioner races in Pennsylvania in 2010 and 2011, and was one of three commissioners on the Monongalia County, W. Va., Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission from 2016 to 2021.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Morgantown, WV

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Personal injury litigation–plaintiffs

The National Trial Lawyers

2020–2024 Civil Plaintiff–Top 40 under 40 Trial Lawyer list, West Virginia

West Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list

2020–2023 Personal injury – products: plaintiff; Class action/mass torts: plaintiff



LICENSED IN:

Pennsylvania
West Virginia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, and the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia;

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., West Virginia University College of Law, 2014

Grad. Cert., Ohio University College of Business, 2021

B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
West Virginia Association for Justice

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

Monongalia County Bar Association



JESSICA F. TALLANT

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Jessy Tallant advocates for victims who suffered health problems, or sadly lost their lives due to dangerous medical drugs and devices. She also works with victims of child sex abuse and human trafficking.

Jessy's advocacy includes representing individuals harmed by products used in surgery such as circular surgical staplers. She is part of the team representing families whose babies suffered health complications after ingesting recalled baby formula. She is also on the team representing women diagnosed with ovarian cancer after using talc-based powders for feminine hygiene. Finally, Jessy works to protect the rights of children and adults who experienced abuses by individuals within the hospitality industry, institutions, and religious entities.

Jessy is a former Motley Rice law clerk. Prior to joining Motley Rice, she was an intern with the AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly, where she performed research in support of litigation. She also gained experience during law school as a student practitioner in the Wake Forest University Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic. There, she negotiated with a landlord to prevent a client's eviction, and she secured the reinstatement of various wrongfully terminated government benefits for clients.

While in law school, she served as the Senior Notes and Comments Editor for the Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy and was active in moot court competitions. She was a four-time Dean Reynolds award recipient for earning the highest grade in a law school class. Prior to law school, she studied public health, interned at the CDC, and led one of UGA's largest student-run nonprofit organizations.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Wake Forest University School of Law, 2023

B.S., *summa cum laude*, University of Georgia, 2020

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Bar Association
American Association for Justice



FRED THOMPSON III

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

With decades of diverse experience in personal injury, commercial and toxic tort law, Fred Thompson represents people harmed by negligence, product defects or misconduct. As a leader of the medical litigation team, Fred manages cases related to defective medical devices, harmful pharmaceutical drugs, medical malpractice, and nursing home abuse.

Fred is Liaison Counsel for a multidistrict litigation, *In re Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2873, alleging severe health complications and environmental harms associated with the use of firefighting Aqueous Film-Forming Foams, which contain toxic PFAS chemicals. He has been appointed to numerous other leadership positions, including:

- Co-lead coordinating counsel for the pelvic mesh lawsuits consolidated in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- Plaintiffs' co-lead counsel for the Mirena® IUD multidistrict litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- Plaintiffs' co-lead counsel for the federal Digitek® consolidation
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member for the Medtronic Sprint Fidelis® defibrillator lead
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member for the Avandia® federal multidistrict litigation
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member for the Trasylol® federal multidistrict litigation
- Chairman of the American Association for Justice's Digitek® Litigation Group
- Co-chairman of the AAJ Kugel® Mesh Litigation Group

Fred is also active with the firm's consumer fraud, commercial and economic damage litigation. He has represented clients in litigation involving bond issues and securities fraud in federal, state and bankruptcy forums as well as through alternative dispute resolution. Additionally, Fred has practiced commercial transaction work, including contracting, corporate, partnership and limited liability company formation, and capital acquisitions.

Recognized as an AV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell®, Fred frequently speaks on medical litigation topics at legal seminars throughout the country. He co-authored "Composix® Kugel® Mesh: A Primer" for the Spring 2008 AAJ Section on Toxic, Environmental & Pharmaceutical Torts newsletter. Fred serves his local community as a Board Member for the East Cooper Community Outreach organization.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., with Distinction, Duke University School of Law, 1979

B.A., *cum laude*, Yale University, 1973

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice

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FRED THOMPSON III

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2022 “Lawyer of the Year” Mass tort litigation / class actions – plaintiffs

2018–2024 Mass tort litigation / class actions –plaintiffs

2024 Product liability litigation–plaintiffs

Lawdragon

2020–2024 Lawdragon 500 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer



MITCHELL B. THORNTON

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Mitchell Thornton's casework intersects with multiple Motley Rice practice areas.

Mitchell represents people and businesses suffering economic losses resulting from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and he is involved in product liability cases with a focus on allegedly defective medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

He began his experience with Motley Rice in 2004 as an intern, compiling factual causation foreseeability data for the firm's landmark September 11, 2001 litigation. During law school, he joined the firm as a law clerk, broadening his experience through cases involving product liability, misappropriation of human remains, pharmaceutical injuries, insurance recovery, premise damages, consumer protection, and other incidents of negligence.

Mitchell has performed extensive legal research in a comprehensive range of litigation. He has been involved in a variety of cases related to negligence, corporate misconduct and defective products, including cases involving Advair®/Serevent®, Avandia®, Digitek®, Paxil®, NuvaRing®, and Zicam®, as well as those representing women alleging harm by pelvic mesh products.

At the Charleston School of Law, Mitchell received the CALI Award for Products Liability and aided local residents in the school's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The USC Moore School of Business recognized Mitchell as an "Emerging Leader," where he served as Vice President of the Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity.



LICENSED IN:

Kentucky
South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Charleston School of Law,
2009

B.S. *magna cum laude*, University
of South Carolina, 2005

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association,
Young Lawyers Division

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



PREVIN WARREN

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MEMBER ATTORNEY

Previn Warren is a trial lawyer who works to protect the rights of individuals against unfair and abusive conduct by technology and media companies.

Over the course of his career, he has litigated numerous cases against conglomerates like Sirius XM, Google and iHeartMedia, forcing these companies to compensate artists at fair rates for use of their music. His work has generated hundreds of millions of dollars* in additional royalties for content creators. Billboard magazine named Previn one of 2022's "Top Music Lawyers."

Previn serves as co-lead of a multidistrict litigation against social media platforms such as Meta Platforms, Instagram, Snap and TikTok. Plaintiffs in the MDL have alleged that the defendants' platforms are defective because they are designed to maximize screen time, which can encourage addictive behavior in adolescents and result in various emotional and physical harms, including death. He is also active in reviewing a variety of other problematic practices within the technology and media industries, including the undisclosed surveillance of consumers and the use of biased algorithms to make hiring and lending decisions.

Prior to his time at Motley Rice, Previn worked as a partner at a large corporate firm in Washington, D.C. In that capacity, he led multiple litigation and trial teams in cases that sought to reinforce protections for musicians in the face of rapidly evolving technology. In 2020, Previn's representation of SoundExchange, a digital performance rights nonprofit, resulted in a substantial increase in the royalty revenues that musicians will receive from internet radio services. He also secured a significant victory for copyright owner plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit against a hip-hop website, establishing a landmark precedent concerning infringement in the era of streaming. In other matters, he helped recover \$150 million* in underpaid royalties for plaintiffs, and was a key player in a rate-setting trial in 2017 that achieved the largest-ever increase in the royalty rate owed by Sirius XM.

While studying at Harvard Law School, Previn served as Articles Co-Chair for the Harvard Law Review and earned the Sears Prize for receiving the highest grades in his second year. He was also selected as a Paul & Daisy Soros Fellow in 2009 and a Heyman Fellow in 2011. After completing his legal studies, Previn clerked for former Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland in the D.C. Circuit. He also worked as an enforcement attorney and senior advisor to the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for Seventh and D.C. Circuits

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

EDUCATION:

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 2011

A.B., *magna cum laude*, Harvard College, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Asian Bar Association

AAPJ Victory Alliance

American Association for Justice

Shades of Mass, Board Member

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Previn is active in his community. His work in politics includes serving as counsel to the presidential campaign of Pete Buttigieg and serving as a criminal justice policy advisor for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration. In 2022, he was appointed to the Board of Directors for the AAPI Victory Alliance, an organization that advocates for policies that empower Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Previn's pro bono legal work has included defending the constitutional rights of prisoners in appeals before the D.C. Circuit and Seventh Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, as well as a federal court challenge to the conditions of confinement in South Carolina's juvenile detention centers. Earlier in his career, Previn served as an investigator for the Federal Defenders of New York, assisting prisoners in seeking reductions to their sentences.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:***Billboard*****2022–2024** Top Music Lawyers***National Law Journal*****2019** D.C. Rising Stars**2023** Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers**South Asian Bar Association of North America****2019** Rising Star



MEREDITH B. WEATHERBY

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Meredith Weatherby develops and litigates securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits on behalf of institutional investors.

Meredith represents unions, public pensions and institutional investors in federal courts throughout the country. Her casework includes representing clients in a number of cases related to high frequency trading (HFT), including the groundbreaking securities fraud litigation against NASDAQ and the New York Stock Exchange that was recently revived upon appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She was also involved in the securities class action against Twitter Inc. Previously, Meredith was a member of the teams representing investors in securities fraud class actions filed against Advanced Micro Devices, Barrick Gold and SAC Capital, among others.

Meredith also has experience litigating medical malpractice and negligence suits in state court.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Meredith gained trial and settlement experience as an associate at a Dallas, Texas, law firm working in business and construction litigation. While attending the University of Texas School of Law, she clerked for an Austin firm, represented victims in court as a student attorney in the UT Law Domestic Violence Clinic and was a Staff Editor of the Review of Litigation journal. During her undergraduate and law school career, Meredith studied abroad in Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland and Puebla, Mexico.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers® Charleston, SC

2021–2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Litigation – Securities



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina
Texas

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the
Northern, Southern, Eastern and
Western Districts of Texas

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Texas School of
Law, 2011

B.A., *with distinction*, University of
North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2008

ASSOCIATIONS:

**Charleston County Bar
Association**



M. NOLAN WEBB

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Nolan Webb advocates for workers and their families, litigating mass torts, class actions and individual cases that seek to hold corporations accountable for unsafe work environments that cause life-threatening injuries and occupational diseases.

He is a member of the Motley Rice team representing homeowners in York County, S.C. who allege they have suffered intolerable pollution from the New-Indy pulp and paper mill. He represents workers and family members who were exposed to asbestos and developed life-threatening injuries. He also represents firefighters, their unions, and their families regarding PFAS exposures.

Following law school, Nolan clerked for Justice Kaye G. Hearn of the South Carolina Supreme Court. He then represented plaintiffs at a notable South Carolina medical malpractice firm, before joining Motley Rice.

While in law school, Nolan was awarded the Pro Bono Medal for his work at the Emory Volunteer Clinic for Veterans and inducted into the Order of Barristers for his leadership in the Emory Moot Court Society. He externed at the Federal Trade Commission and the Georgia Attorney General's civil division.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
North Carolina
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District
of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., with honors, Emory University
School of Law, 2021

B.A., Roanoke College, 2017

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Constitution Society
American Association for Justice
**South Carolina Association for
Justice**



DEVIN X. WILLIAMS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Devin protects public interests and resources through litigation filed for public entities.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Devin litigated complex antitrust and consumer protection class actions. Specifically, Devin worked on employee no-poach cases, as well as price-fixing and monopolization cases.

While completing his legal studies, Devin served as an intern with the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. There, he advocated for indigent clients and on behalf of the United States with a variety of social justice cases including Fifth Amendment Due Process, Freedom of Information Act, and employment claims. Additionally, he worked as a research assistant for Professor Carlton Waterhouse aiding in the writing of a book on social dominance theory and the Supreme Court. As a Henry F. Ramsey Dean's Fellow, he taught a legal citations class to first-year law students and assisted them with research and writing assignments.

**Admitted only in CA, not admitted in DC. Practice supervised by Mimi Liu pursuant to DC App R. 49.*



LICENSED IN:

California

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the Northern, Central and Eastern Districts of California

EDUCATION:

J.D., Howard University School of Law, 2022

B.A., University of Maryland, 2019

ASSOCIATIONS:

National Bar Association
Charles Houston Bar Association
Committee to Support Antitrust Laws



ERIN CASEY WILLIAMS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Erin Casey Williams protects the interests of institutional investors and consumers through complex securities litigation.

Erin is a part of Motley Rice's litigation teams representing investors in securities fraud class action cases throughout the country. She represents the firm's clients in matters against AbbVie Inc., Amazon.com, Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Upstart Holdings, Inc., and Qualcomm Incorporated.

Erin also represented financial advisors in litigation against Wells Fargo which resulted in a \$79 million settlement.* The financial advisors alleged Wells Fargo forfeited their deferred compensation in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Additionally, Erin is involved in the firm's qui tam practice, working with relators to bring claims on behalf of the government.

While pursuing her law degree, Erin interned for the Federal Defender Program in Chicago in addition to working as a judicial extern for the Honorable Michael T. Mason of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She served as an associate editor of the *University of Illinois Law Review* and the Community Service Chair of the Women's Law Society.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Best Lawyers®

2024 *Ones to Watch* list: Litigation – Securities



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Northern District of Illinois and the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2014

B.S. with high honors, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice
South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
Charleston County Bar Association

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



NICHOLAS V. WILLIAMS

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Nicholas Williams represents people who developed health problems caused by defective medical drugs and devices, toxic exposure and environmental contamination.

Nicholas is a member of the appellate team that represents childhood lead poisoning victims who were exposed to white lead carbonate products in Wisconsin. Additionally, he is on the team representing farmers, railroad workers and other people who have developed Parkinson's disease after using Paraquat, a toxic weed killer.

A former Motley Rice law clerk, Nicholas gained additional experience throughout law school while working as a legal extern with Hometown Strong North Carolina, where he assisted the Governor's Office on rural economic development initiatives, rural COVID-19 outreach efforts, and broadband policy implementation. He also interned with Legal Aid of North Carolina's Durham Eviction Diversion Program, where he collaborated with attorneys and community members on eviction defense strategy amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Nicholas continued his housing legal work as a student practitioner with the UNC Civil Legal Assistance Clinic, where he assisted clients facing evictions and administrative disputes.

A Jacquez-de Varona Legal Fellow of the Hispanic/Latino Law Students Association, Nicholas was also President of the University of North Carolina's chapter of the American Constitution Society and Secretary of the Carolina Public Interest Law Organization. He is a recipient of the Gressman and Pollitt Oral Advocacy Award. Nicholas is also an Eagle Scout.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law, 2022

B.A., Appalachian State University, 2018

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Association for Justice



COURTNEY R. WOLF

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Courtney Wolf represents institutional investors and individuals in complex securities litigation aiming to hold corporations accountable for alleged misconduct.

She is currently involved in a class action litigation against biopharmaceutical company AbbVie, alleging misconduct by executives in terms of false and misleading statements related to the marketing and sale of Humira. Additionally, she is part of the team representing institutional investors in complex litigation against Upstart Holdings and Chegg.

Previously, Courtney contributed to Motley Rice's litigation filed for dozens of governmental entities, including states, cities, towns, counties and townships against opioid manufacturers and distributors alleged to have played a role in the opioid crisis. She also represented families and survivors in claims filed through the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Courtney completed a number of legal internships and clerkships, including a clerkship in Virginia where she observed hearings and trials, performed legal research and drafted memoranda for civil and criminal cases for the 18th Judicial Circuit of Alexandria Circuit Court. She also served as an intern for the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center where she translated documents to Spanish and assisted with fundraising efforts to promote legal and social services for Hispanic immigrants.

Courtney worked as a student attorney for the Immigrant Rights Clinic while pursuing her juris doctor, in addition to being a Lead Article Editor for the German Law Journal, and Vice President of the Pro Bono Club. As a research assistant, she contributed to research on international crimes and the International Court of Justice, as well as research on human rights law in Africa. She also traveled to law schools throughout Ukraine in partnership with USAID to assist with a presentation on anti-corruption in schools.

Courtney serves her community as a board member for Charleston Habitat for Humanity.



LICENSED IN:

District of Columbia
North Dakota
New York
South Carolina
Utah
Vermont

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District
of South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D., Washington and Lee
University School of Law, 2019

B.S., *magna cum laude*, University
of South Carolina, 2016

ASSOCIATIONS:

**South Carolina Association for
Justice**
Charleston Bar Association



ROGER M. "HANK" YOUNG, JR.

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Hank Young represents victims harmed by medical drugs, medical negligence, and corporate misconduct.

As an advocate for some of the most vulnerable in our society, Hank seeks justice for children and for mothers following their use of the anti-nausea medication Zofran during pregnancy, which may cause life-threatening birth defects, as well as for elderly clients who suffer abuse and neglect at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Hank also represents clients diagnosed with melanoma after taking Revatio® or Viagra®, and is reviewing claims of kidney failure and ketoacidosis after taking Invokana® and other SGLT2 inhibitors.

A Charleston native, Hank graduated from the Charleston School of Law, where he served as Editor in Chief of the *Charleston Law Review* and competed in numerous moot court competitions, including the 2015 National Tax Moot Court Competition, in which he was awarded Best Individual Advocate. He also was recognized with the CALI Award as the highest scoring student in Legal Writing I & II, Products Liability, Constitutional Law, Constitutional History, and Professional Responsibility.

A Motley Rice law clerk for two summers before joining the firm, Hank has clerked at both corporate defense and plaintiffs' firms. Additionally, Hank volunteered at the Veteran's Legal Clinic in Charleston during law school, providing low-income veterans with basic legal services, including finding housing, drafting wills, and resolving family law issues.



LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

EDUCATION:

J.D. *summa cum laude*,
Charleston School of Law, 2016

B.A. *magna cum laude*, University
of South Carolina Honors College,
2011

ASSOCIATIONS:

**South Carolina Association for
Justice
Charleston County Bar
Association**



RONALD L. MOTLEY

(1944-2013) CO-FOUNDER

Ron Motley fought for greater justice, accountability and recourse, and has been widely recognized as one of the most accomplished and skilled trial lawyers in the U.S. During a career that spanned more than four decades, his persuasiveness before a jury and ability to break new legal and evidentiary ground brought to justice two once-invincible giant industries whose malfeasance took the lives of millions of Americans—asbestos and tobacco. Armed with a combination of legal and trial skills, personal charisma, nose-to-the-grindstone hard work and record of success, Ron built Motley Rice into one of the nation’s largest plaintiffs’ law firms.

Noted for his role in spearheading the historic litigation against the tobacco industry, Ron served as lead trial counsel for 26 State Attorneys General in the lawsuits. His efforts to uncover corporate and scientific wrongdoing resulted in the Master Settlement Agreement, the largest civil settlement in U.S. history and in which the tobacco industry agreed to reimburse states for smoking-related health care costs.

Through his pioneering discovery and collaboration, Ron revealed asbestos manufacturers and the harmful and disabling effects of occupational, environmental and household asbestos exposure. He represented thousands of asbestos victims and achieved numerous trial breakthroughs, including the class actions and mass consolidations of *Cimino, et al. v. Raymark, et al.* (U.S.D.C. TX); *Abate, et al. v. ACandS, et al.* (Baltimore); and *In re Asbestos Personal Injury Cases* (Mississippi).

In 2002, Ron once again advanced cutting-edge litigation as lead counsel for *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, MDL #1570, a lawsuit filed by more than 6,500 family members, survivors and those who lost their lives. The suit seeks justice and ultimately bankruptcy for al Qaeda’s financiers, including many individuals, banks, corporations and charities that provided resources and monetary aid. He also served as lead counsel in numerous individual aviation security liability and damages cases under the *In re September 11 Litigation* filed against the aviation and aviation security industries by victims’ families.

Ron brought the landmark case of *Oran Almog v. Arab Bank* against the alleged financial sponsors of Hamas and other terrorist organizations in Israel and was a firm leader in the BP Deepwater Horizon litigation and claims efforts involving people and businesses in Gulf Coast communities suffering as a result of the oil spill. Two settlements were reached with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history.



EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law, 1971

B.A., University of South Carolina,
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ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar Association
Civil Justice Foundation
Inner Circle of Advocates
International Academy of Trial Lawyers

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Recognized as an AV[®]-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell[®], Ron served on the AAJ Board of Governors from 1977 to 2012 and was chair of its Asbestos Litigation Group from 1978 to 2012. In 2002, Ron founded the Mark Elliott Motley Foundation, Inc., in loving memory of his son to help meet the health, education and welfare needs of children and young adults in the Charleston, S.C. community.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Ron authored or co-authored more than two dozen publications, including:
- "Decades of Deception: Secrets of Lead, Asbestos and Tobacco" (*Trial Magazine*, October 1999)
- "Asbestos Disease Among Railroad Workers: 'Legacy of the Laggin' Wagon'" (*Trial Magazine*, December 1981)
- "Asbestos and Lung Cancer" (*New York State Journal of Medicine*, June 1980; Volume 80: No. 7, New York State Medical Association, New York)
- "Occupational Disease and Products Liability Claims" (*South Carolina Trial Lawyers Bulletin*, September and October 1976)

FEATURED IN:

- Shackelford, Susan. "Major Leaguer" (*South Carolina Super Lawyers*, April 2008)
- Senior, Jennifer. "A Nation Unto Himself" (*The New York Times*, March 2004)
- Freedman, Michael. "Turning Lead into Gold," (*Forbes*, May 2001)
- Zegart, Dan. *Civil Warriors: The Legal Siege on the Tobacco Industry* (Delacorte Press, 2000)
- Ansen, David. "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" (*Newsweek*, 1999)
- Mann, Michael & Roth, Eric. "The Insider" (Blue Lion Entertainment, November 5, 1999)
- Brenner, Marie. "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (*Vanity Fair*, May 1996)
- Reisig, Robin. "The Man Who Took on Manville" (*The American Lawyer*, January 1983)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

Ron won widespread honors for his ability to win justice for his clients and for his seminal impact on the course of civil litigation. For his trial achievements, *BusinessWeek* characterized Ron's courtroom skills as "dazzling" and *The National Law Journal* ranked him, "One of the most influential lawyers in America."

South Carolina Association for Justice

2013 Founders' Award

American Association for Justice

2010 Lifetime Achievement Award

2007 David S. Shrager President's Award

1998 Harry M. Philo Trial Lawyer of the Year

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The Trial Lawyer Magazine

2012 inducted into Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame

2011 *The Roundtable: America's 100 Most Influential Trial Lawyers*

The Best Lawyers in America[®]

1993–2013 mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs, personal injury litigation – plaintiffs product liability litigation – plaintiffs

Best Lawyers[®]

2012 Charleston, SC “Lawyer of the Year” mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

2010 Charleston, SC “Lawyer of the Year” personal injury

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012–2013 National “Litigation Star”: civil rights/human rights, mass tort/product liability, securities

2012–2013 South Carolina “Litigation Star”: human rights, product liability, securities, toxic tort

SC Lawyers Weekly

2011 Leadership in Law Honoree

The Legal 500 United States

2011–2013 Mass tort and class action: plaintiff representation – toxic tort

Chambers USA

2007, 2010–2012 Product liability and mass torts: plaintiffs.

“...An accomplished trial lawyer and a formidable opponent.”

2008–2013 *South Carolina Super Lawyers*[®] list

2008 *Top 10 South Carolina Super Lawyers* list

2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 *Top 25 South Carolina Super Lawyers* list

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2005–2012 *Leading Lawyers in America* list – plaintiffs’

National Association of Attorneys General

1998 President’s Award—for his “courage, legal skills and dedication to our children and the public health



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