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Jessica Wilson's practice focuses on the defense of pharmaceutical, life science and medical device companies in a variety of cases, including multidistrict product liability litigation and complex commercial litigation.

In addition to her litigation practice, Jessica counsels pharmaceutical clients on research and development, risk management and other compliance issues.

Representative of her experience are the following matters:

- *Barnes v. Medtronic, PLC, et al.* (E.D. Mich.): Argued successful motion to dismiss for Medtronic in product liability litigation alleging that Medtronic's Parietex PCO mesh for hernia repair was defective. The Drug & Device Law Blog reported the dismissal in two separate posts, describing the decision as one of three significant early wins in the mesh litigation
- *In re Viagra Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2691: Represented Pfizer in product liability litigation alleging that Viagra causes melanoma
- *In re Testosterone Replacement Therapy Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2545 (N.D. Ill.): Represented Pfizer and Pharmacia & Upjohn in product liability litigation involving testosterone replacement therapies; obtained order dismissing all claims against clients on basis of impossibility preemption
- *Rapamune Products Liability Litigation*: Represented Pfizer and Wyeth in product liability litigation pending in multiple jurisdictions involving immunosuppressant for use after organ transplantation
- *In re Chantix (Varenicline) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2092 (N.D. Ala.): Represented Pfizer in product liability litigation involving Chantix, a smoking cessation aid
- *In re Prempro Products Liability Litigation*, 738 F. Supp. 2d 887 (E.D. Ark. 2010): Represented Wyeth in product liability litigation involving hormone replacement therapy
- Represented large pharmaceutical company in international arbitration regarding licensing dispute
- Represented large pharmaceutical company in international compliance investigations
- Represented large medical device company regarding government investigation of manufacturing-related issues

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Life Sciences
- Healthcare

- Advised pharmaceutical companies on litigation risks related to clinical data, adverse event reporting, cGMP, and promotional practices

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Georgia
- Massachusetts
- New York

Clerk Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Jessica was a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas B. Russell, United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Education

- J.D., Washington University School of Law 2008
cum laude
Senior Executive Editor, *Washington University Law Review* (vol. 85)
- B.A., Slavic Languages and Literature, Duke University 2005
cum laude

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

INSIGHTS

Publications

COVID-19: Tort immunity for vaccines and antivirals – lessons from the swine flu of 1976

8 April 2020

While the common goal is to quickly develop countermeasures to combat COVID-19, it is important to consider the potential legal and reputational risks.

PRO BONO

Jessica is active in the New York office's signature pro bono Special Education Project, representing clients in tandem with the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI). She assists families through the procedural hurdles associated with the Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) process and works with children who have physical, emotional and psychological disabilities.