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Elizabeth Cummings zealously represents clients in cases involving medical and pharmaceutical liability, toxic tort, and product liability.

Elizabeth helps pharmaceutical and personal care product clients protect their business interests when facing high-stakes product liability litigation. In her current role as a member of the national counsel team for a defendant in the talcum-powder product litigation, Elizabeth brings a solid, creative, client-centered approach to every engagement. She works diligently to analyze case merits, assess and minimize risk, and drive positive resolutions to complex legal matters. Keenly aware of the importance of client interaction both inside and outside the courtroom, Elizabeth takes a proactive stance, working closely with clients to develop a comprehensive litigation strategy that protects their interests. Elizabeth's ability to successfully collaborate with clients enables her to successfully represent them in some of the country's most challenging jurisdictions.

A persuasive litigator, Elizabeth has a successful history of achieving case dismissals, advantageous settlements, and favorable verdicts for clients. In her active practice, she develops and executes a comprehensive and coordinated nationwide defense strategy while actively participating in all aspects of the defense. She supervises the day-to-day tasks of cases pending in both state court and multidistrict litigation in preparation for trial. She has a particular interest in the evolution of the scientific and medical literature related to the claims against clients and has monitored the scientific and legal developments in this area.

Elizabeth enjoys spending time with her three children, traveling, and coaching youth sports.

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2008); Crowe Scholar; Dean's Award; Loyola Law Review; International Law Certificate; Academic Excellence Award: Torts, Contracts I, Trusts & Estates, Administration of Criminal Justice, Conflict of Laws, Labor Law; Teaching Assistant, Legal Research and Writing
- Southeast Missouri State University (B.S., with honors, 2004); Psi Chi

State Admissions

- Illinois, 2009
- Missouri, 2008

Service Areas

- Life Sciences Litigation
- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Health & Life Sciences

Experience

- Assisted in obtaining a defense verdict for a toxic tort client in a complex asbestos cases alleging negligence
- Drafted and argued dispositive motion for the dismissal of an asbestos case alleging negligence claims

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Daubert, Future Challenges and Past Orders in Talc Litigation," DRI Talc Litigation: Medical and Scientific Issues, Washington, D.C. (September 2019)
- Women's Diversity and Change Summit, featured panelist, Chicago, Illinois (2018)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Is It Asbestos? It's All in the Form: Asbestiform vs. Non-Asbestiform," *In-House Defense Quarterly* (Fall 2019)
- "U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Asbestos Defendants 'Bare Metal Defense' in Maritime Cases," *National Law Review* (March 2019)
- "Missouri Seeks to Limit Venue in Multi-Plaintiff Cases," *JD Supra* (March 2019)
- "Missouri Supreme Court Talc Decision Alters Landscape," *JD Supra* (March 2018)

Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America® (2021–2027)

In the Community

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri