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Su-Lyn Combs is a trial attorney with more than 25 years of litigation experience in both federal and state courts.

Su-Lyn's practice primarily involves the defense of pharmaceutical and medical device companies in mass tort or single-plaintiff product liability actions. She has significant experience representing manufacturers in multidistrict and coordinated state litigation involving prescription drugs and medical devices. Su-Lyn has served as national coordinating counsel, on national counsel teams and as local counsel. She has also served as lead and liaison counsel in numerous California Coordinated Proceedings.

Su-Lyn has extensive experience in all phases of pretrial litigation on the national and local level, including written discovery, depositions, dispositive motions, defending and preparing company witnesses, and defense expert development. She has drafted and argued pretrial motions, including motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions and Daubert motions.

Su-Lyn also has experience in defending complex construction defect, personal injury, general product liability, and insurance defense matters.

Education

- University of Denver College of Law (J.D., 1997); Denver University Law Review, General Editor
- California State University, San Bernardino (B.A., 1994)
- University of California, San Diego Graduate Certificate, Regulatory Affairs Essentials (Drugs & Biologics) (2020)

State Admissions

- California, 2000
- Colorado, 1997
- Mississippi, 2004
- Nevada, 2025

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi
- United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi
- United States District Court, District of Nevada

Service Areas

- Life Sciences Litigation
- Medical Privacy
- Health & Life Sciences
- Food, Cosmetics & Dietary Supplements
- Regulatory Issues

Experience

- Served as regional counsel for a medical device manufacturer in litigation involving 35,000+ plaintiffs alleging injuries due to pelvic mesh
- Developed regulatory and preemption based defenses in litigation involving claims that anticonvulsant may increase the risk of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrosis
- Served as trial counsel for a pharmaceutical company in trial and retrial arising out of alleged negligence in microbiological testing of children's over-the-counter medicine in violation of Current Good Manufacturing Practice regulations
- Member of national defense team for mass tort litigation involving 18,000+ plaintiffs alleging that a pharmaceutical company failed to adequately instruct physicians of risks of novel oral anticoagulant
- Appointed as Liaison Counsel in a California coordinated proceeding representing a pharmaceutical company in claims that diabetes medication increased risk of bladder cancer
- Developed case-specific defenses in 50+ individual plaintiff cases involving recalled transdermal opioid
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in a California coordinated proceeding involving a birth control patch
- Member of the trial team that represented a pharmaceutical company in jury trial arising out of alleged theft of trade secrets from a clinical trial database
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in a class action lawsuit involving a RICO claim and various consumer protection claims under California, New Jersey, Florida, and Massachusetts law to recover millions spent on diabetes medication prescriptions
- Represented a medical device company in a case alleging that a defect in surgical trocar used during cholecystectomy of pregnant woman caused premature birth
- Member of national defense team for mass tort litigation involving claims that a cosmetic product causes ovarian cancer
- Managed and coordinated trial teams and staff in state coordinated proceedings and three trials involving a recalled hip replacement device

In the Community

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- International Association of Defense Counsel
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- Los Angeles County Bar Association
  - » Counsel for Justice, Vice President
  - » Executive Committee
- Los Angeles County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors
- Tucker Ellis Inclusion Committee