



## Elise Balkin Ice

ASSOCIATE

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PRACTICES / INDUSTRIES

#### **Litigation**

Complex Business

### AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Business Litigation  
Defense Litigation  
ERISA Litigation  
Employment and Labor  
Class Action Litigation  
Product Liability Litigation  
Securities Litigation

### EDUCATION

Mary Washington College (B.A., 1997)  
University of Baltimore School of Law (J.D.,  
*magna cum laude*, 2000); Articles Editor,  
University of Baltimore Law Review,  
Volume 29.

### AT A GLANCE

Elise's practice focuses on complex business litigation in both state and federal courts. She has successfully handled cases involving a variety of substantive areas, including ERISA, employment and labor, insurance, lead-based paint, class actions, product liability, securities, professional malpractice, and personal injury. In addition to her experience with these substantive areas of the law, Elise has solid experience taking fact and expert witness depositions, drafting and arguing motions, and preparing for trial.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Successfully argued Motion for Summary Judgment in federal court regarding ERISA case that involved a dispute over eligibility for long-term disability.

Assisted in successful settlement of an accidental death benefits case, which involved a death in a foreign country and parties in various states, saving the client millions of dollars.

Obtained dismissals for clients prior to having to produce formal discovery.

Completed numerous fact and expert witness depositions in lead-based paint litigation. Experts deposed included neuropsychologists, psychologists, medical doctors, economists, and environmental experts.

Drafted and argued numerous motions in state courts and has participated in mediation and settlement conferences.

Represents national banks in both FINRA matters and Department of Labor investigations.

Generally assists in all areas of complex business litigation, including researching and drafting memoranda, preparing and responding to discovery, and preparing for trial and arbitration.

Represented a bankruptcy trustee in an adversarial proceeding involving fraudulent transfers and assisted in the representation of a Fortune 500 Company in Chapter 11 proceedings.

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## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE (Continued)

Law Clerk to the Honorable James P. Salmon, Judge for the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### Publications

*"Rice v. Paladin: The Fourth Circuit's Unnecessary Limiting of a Publisher's Freedom of Speech,"* 29 U. Balt. L. Rev. 205 (2000).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Liaison between Ulmer & Berne and The City Club  
Playhouse Square Partner  
The Club at Key Center (*Member*)

## ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio  
State of Maryland  
State of New Jersey  
District of Columbia  
Commonwealth of Virginia (inactive)  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland  
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey  
U.S. District Court, District of Washington, D.C.  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (inactive)  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio