

Jennifer Snyder Heis

Partner



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Practices/Industries

- Product Liability
- Pharmaceutical, Medical Device & Mass Tort Litigation

Education

Kenyon College
(B.A., 1998)
Emory University School of Law
(J.D., 2001)
Moot Court Society

Overview

Jennifer has more than 15 years of experience defending the manufacturers and distributors of pharmaceutical products and dietary supplements. She has represented these companies in complex litigation, including multidistrict litigation and consolidated state court proceedings, as well as individual cases throughout the country. She focuses on developing effective legal strategies for the defense of multiple related lawsuits in multiple venues and is experienced in handling all aspects of state and federal litigation, including trial.

Jennifer's product liability experience extends to a wide variety of other industries, including construction and industrial machinery and household appliances. She also counsels food and dietary supplement companies on regulatory issues. Jennifer has represented health care providers and other professionals in professional malpractice claims. She has been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars List.

Experience

- Experienced in handling complex litigation, including multi-district litigation and mass tort proceedings, involving manufacturers and distributors of drugs and dietary supplements nationwide.
- Experienced in defending a national broker-dealer against claims of negligence and Ohio Securities Act violations arising from a Ponzi scheme.
- Experienced in representing health care providers in all aspects of professional malpractice suits, including trial.
- Obtained summary judgment for health care providers and a builder in lawsuits alleging professional malpractice and fraud.
- Experienced in resolving cases through alternative dispute resolutions.
- Experienced in handling all aspects of state and federal litigation, including pleadings and motion practice, discovery, trial preparation, trial, appeal and final case resolution.
- Experienced in handling complex eDiscovery issues.

Reported Cases

- *Will v. Northwestern University (In re: Nutraquest, Inc.)*, 434 F.3d 639 (3rd Cir. 2006)
- *Doe v. Hall*, 260 Ga. App. 421, 579 S.E.2d 838 (2003)

Presentations

- "Defending (your?) (our?) (their?) Food Product: Strategies for Food Industry Stakeholders in Complex Supply Chains," Moderator, Food Law SLG Breakout at DRI Product Liability Seminar, San Diego, CA (February 2018)

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Presentations (Cont)

- "Bad Blood? FDA Regulation of Laboratory Developed Tests and Potential Litigation Implications," Moderator, Drug & Medical Device Committee Breakout at DRI Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (October 2017)
- "Making the Most of Mock Trials," DRI Young Lawyers Seminar, Nashville, TN (June 2015)
- "State of the Union on Product Liability Class Actions," Young Lawyers Breakout, DRI Product Liability Seminar Phoenix, AZ (February 2008)

Publications

- "Sixth Circuit Product Liability Year-in-Review," The Full Spectrum of Recent Product Decisions, DRI Product Liability Seminar (April 2009)
- "Keeping Settlement Secrets: Confidentiality of Settlement Agreements," *For the Defense* (February 2007)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (*Law Institute, 2014-present; Steering Committee Member, Product Liability Committee, 2014-present; Steering Committee Member, Drug & Medical Device Committee, 2014-present; Chair, Young Lawyers Committee, 2013-2014; Steering Committee Member, Annual Meeting Committee, 2010-2011*)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (*2014-present*)

Community Involvement

- Kenyon College Cincinnati Regional Alumni Association (*President, 2005-2011; Board Member, 2003-2005*)
- Impact 100 (*Member, Grant Review Committee, 2011-2016*)
- Board of Directors, Terrace Park Swim & Tennis Club (*2017-present*)

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2010-2016)

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- State of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia

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Admissions (Cont)

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan