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Rachel A. Remke

PARTNER

Rachel has established herself as a trusted adviser and an experienced trial lawyer, having counseled and litigated complex cases in both state and federal courts.



Industries

Consumer Products

Practices

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, JD, summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, Chicago-Kent Review Member, Bar and Gavel Society, Chicago-Kent Trial Advocacy Team, Hon. Lee Preston Circuit Court of Cook County Ill. Law Division Judicial Extern, 2012

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Her work spans a variety of product liability and litigation matters, including construction equipment, industrial insulation materials, fire origin, and juvenile products.

Rachel has negotiated multiple dismissals, positioned cases for favorable settlement either through direct negotiations, mediations, or settlement conferences, and defended trial victories on appeal. Rachel is a diligent and dedicated attorney who serves as a courtroom advocate for her clients.

Experience

- Rachel is part of the team that serves as national trial counsel for a manufacturer of home and office products and ladders. Her work includes minimizing the company's exposure to litigation involving serious injuries in many jurisdictions across the country.
- Rachel employs a similar strategy with a trial team serving as national counsel for a distributor of recreational products.
- Represented an architectural firm seeking to enforce a contract with client for multi-million dollar project and obtained a jury trial victory.
- Obtained a complete jury defense verdict for a manufacturer client in a ladder case after a multi-day trial in Lafayette, La.
- Obtained a complete jury defense verdict for a manufacturer client in a ladder case after a multi-day trial in Brownsville, Texas.
- Obtained a complete jury defense verdict for a manufacturer client in a car seat case after a multi-day trial in Lafayette, La.
- Ongoing representation of a Fortune 100 company related to its product liability matters for its consumer products.
- Obtained a not guilty for a pro bono client charged with armed robbery.
- Assisted with a complete jury defense verdict for a distributor client in a recreational products

case after a multi-day trial in Baltimore, Md.

- Assisted with an investigation of numerous fire scenes and artifact analyses, often demonstrating to a potential plaintiff's attorney why her client's product could not have caused the fire.
- Assisted with ongoing representation of a Fortune 100 company challenged with allegations and investigations concerning fire and explosions of consumer products.

Publications

- "Rising Regulations as E-Scooters Continue to Hit the Streets," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Nov. 30, 2021)
- "UPDATE: Companies Defending Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Suits in Illinois Now Face Prejudgment Interest," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Jun. 29, 2021)
- "Companies Defending Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Suits in Illinois Will Face Prejudgment Interest If New Bill Becomes Law," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Mar. 16, 2021)
- "Not So Organic: The FTC Takes Action Against Personal Care Products," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (May 5, 2020)
- "What's Ahead: An Amendment to Rule 30(b)(6) That Requires Parties to Confer," *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Apr. 22, 2020)
- "Chipotle Gets a (Nearly) Clean Bill of Health," (co-author) *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Apr. 12, 2017)
- "Chipotle Faces New Challenges," *Schiff Hardin Product Liability & Mass Torts Blog* (Jun. 20, 2016)

Speeches and Presentations

- "Product Development and Innovation," Illinois State Bar Association Food Law Section, Conference (Sep. 15, 2023)
- "Food Court: Labeling and Recent Developments," The Chicago Bar Association's Food and Beverage Law Committee, Webinar (Apr. 17, 2023)
- "Consumer Products Quickfire: Hot Takes on Hot Topics," PLI: Manufacturing and Consumer Products Law Institute 2022, New York, NY (Apr. 13, 2022)
- "Label & Claims: Legal and Regulatory Review," The Hatchery Chicago, Chicago, Ill. (Sep. 10, 2019, Jun. 9, 2020)

Teaching Appointments

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Intensive Trial Advocacy, Legislative Process, Academic Support Program, Teaching Assistant (2011-2012)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

US District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

US District Court, Western District of Wisconsin