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Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation | Products Liability, Mass Torts & Consumer Class Actions | Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation | E-Discovery & Records Management | Life Sciences

Fortune 500 and other sophisticated life sciences clients rely on Amy Vanni's extensive experience defending product liability and personal injury claims to defend their most high-stakes mass tort litigations.

Amy Vanni has extensive experience defending multinational life sciences clients in complex Multi-District Litigations (MDLs), consolidated state cases, and individual actions involving highly sensitive product liability matters. As a member of national teams representing clients in MDL and consolidated state court proceedings, Amy has handled all aspects of litigation, including devising and implementing e-discovery protocols and document production strategies; preparing and defending company witnesses, 30(b)(6) witnesses, sales representatives, and experts at deposition; taking complex depositions of plaintiffs and experts; developing and coordinating trial strategy; and assisting with global settlements. She prides herself on keeping clients fully informed at every stage of a litigation, with a focus on meeting their goals and business objectives.

In addition to her life sciences experience, Amy has defended asbestos exposure claims as well as product liability cases involving claims against manufacturers of automobiles, home appliances, construction equipment, and various consumer products.

Amy serves as a member of McCarter's Ethics, Conflicts and Claims Committee and the Strategic Growth Committee.

In her active pro bono practice, Amy has successfully conducted trials in Pennsylvania and New Jersey on behalf of clients seeking restraining orders in domestic violence cases, successfully prosecuted claims against animal abusers, and assisted low-income clients in obtaining divorce decrees.

Representative Matters

Expert witness defense—Hormone therapy litigation

Participated in the defense of expert witnesses at trial in various cases in Pennsylvania state courts on behalf of a national manufacturer of hormone replacement therapy products.

Case management—National opioid litigation

Actively worked with national counsel in handling various aspects of national opioid litigation in a virtual law firm model, including handling case management, preparation of pleadings, and e-discovery matters.

Sales representatives—National opioid litigation

Prepared and defended countless sales representatives in depositions throughout the country in opioid litigation.

Senior executives and expert witnesses—National opioid litigation

Prepared and defended company and expert witnesses in depositions in national opioid litigation.

Asbestos manufacturers—Dismissal of claims

Successfully obtained dismissals on behalf of various asbestos manufacturers in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

Case-specific discovery—Pelvic mesh MDL Bellwether trial cases

Handled case-specific discovery in various MDL Bellwether trial cases involving female pelvic mesh.

Sales representatives—Hormone therapy litigation

Prepared and defended various sales representatives in HRT litigation.

Expert medical witnesses—Hormone therapy litigation

Prepared expert medical witnesses for deposition and trial testimony in hormone therapy litigation and participated in the defense of witnesses at trial of national manufacturer of HRT products in various Pennsylvania state court cases.

30(b)(6) witness—National opioid litigation

Prepared and defended 30(b)(6) witness on key topics in national opioid litigation.

Education

Widener University Delaware Law School, JD, *cum laude*, 1999

- Staff, *The Symposium Journal*, 1997–1998
- Articles Editor, 1998–1999

St. Joseph's University, BA, 1996

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Law Clerk

The Hon. Stephen J. McEwen, Jr., President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court, Pennsylvania

Wolcott Fellow

The Hon. Chief Justice Norman E. Veasey, Emeritus, Supreme Court, Delaware

Memberships & Certifications

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board

Hearing Officer, 2014-2020

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

The Justinian Society

Women's Therapy Center

Former Board Director and Treasurer

Senior Law Center

Former Board Director and Secretary

Product Liability Law 360

Editorial Board, 2010

Articles

Incorporating Midsize Firms Into a Virtual Law Firm Team Early and Often, *The Legal Intelligencer*, 1.21.2021

Speaking Engagements

The Attorney-Client Privilege: Maintaining Confidentiality in the Digital and Social Media Age – Is Anything Really Confidential?, *Association of Corporate Counsel of Greater Philadelphia In-House Counsel* 2018, 4.24.2018