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Mass Torts and Product Liability



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Education

J.D., University of Arkansas, 2007

B.S., Union University, 2002

Bar Admissions

Not admitted in Illinois

Arkansas

Texas

Associations

Member, International Association of
Defense Counsel (IADC)

Mary Catherine Way has extensive experience defending product manufacturers in complex, multijurisdictional mass tort litigations and other complex disputes. In addition, she has successfully defended and resolved numerous medical malpractice suits brought against health care providers.

Mary Catherine has defended clients against personal injury, wrongful death and other claims in various courts throughout the country and at all stages of litigation. She regularly fosters collaboration among diverse legal teams to execute coordinated strategic defenses that advance client objectives. She has helped secure defense verdicts in a variety of state and federal court jurisdictions on behalf of pharmaceutical and medical device companies, including bellwether trials. Mary Catherine also has extensive experience working with expert witnesses to develop, analyze and rebut scientific evidence in support of litigation. In addition, she focuses on complex litigation matters involving emerging contaminants and claims made due to the alleged exposure.

Her representative matters prior to joining Skadden included serving on the trial teams that secured:

- multiple defense verdicts in a multidistrict litigation against a major pharmaceutical company related to its manufacture of hormone replacement therapy
- a bellwether defense verdict for the manufacturer of an anticoagulant medication
- a defense verdict for a major agricultural and chemical company in complex litigation involving allegations of cancer
- a defense verdict on behalf of a medical device manufacturer subjected to mass tort claims strategically filed in state court