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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2004 A.B., Michigan State University, 1999

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia New York

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Gerald B. Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2004-2005) Geoffrey Wyatt represents clients in mass tort and other aggregate litigation, with an emphasis on appellate litigation. He defends companies as part of a team that focuses on global litigation strategy and law and motions practice in coordinated proceedings in federal and state courts. Mr. Wyatt has represented an array of companies in proceedings involving medical and industrial products at both the trial and appellate levels.

His experience spans a range of different cases. He has extensive litigation experience in state and federal appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Wyatt has been successful in securing appellate victories in several cases for his clients, including at the interlocutory stage, often establishing new precedents that bear favorably on related cases in ongoing coordinated proceedings.

Mr. Wyatt also has extensive experience handling expert motion issues. He has developed strategies for defeating highly complex but speculative and unscientific theories and disrupting mass proceedings. He also has worked with defense experts to develop reports and prepare for depositions in order to implement those strategies, taking a lead role in drafting motions both for and in opposition to the exclusion of expert testimony.

He also has participated in the day-to-day management of multidistrict proceedings encompassing tens of thousands of cases. Mr. Wyatt has represented clients in several bellwether mass tort personal injury suits as part of a law and motions team. And Mr. Wyatt has defended against several civil enforcement proceedings brought by various governments under consumer-protection and Medicaid-fraud laws, among others.

Mr. Wyatt publishes frequently on matters relevant to his practice, including on issues relating to multidistrict litigation and class action procedure, among other things. He was named as a leading lawyer in *Chambers USA 2021*. In 2013, he received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement, which recognizes excellence in legal scholarship.

Mr. Wyatt also devotes a portion of his practice to pro bono service.

Selected Publications

"The Class Action Chronicle," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, Recurring publication

"Automakers' Insurance Offerings Will Have Broad Impact," *Law360*, February 4, 2021

"Mass. 'Right To Repair' Law Could Put Car Cos. in a Jam," *Law360*, December 17, 2020

"Liability Protections in Coronavirus Relief Legislation," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher* & *Flom LLP*, July 27, 2020

"Supporting Autonomous Vehicles with Better Regulations," *Law360*, October 22, 2019

"Manufacturers Won't Bear All Liability For Driverless Vehicles," *Law360*, August 26, 2019

"Awaiting Answers on a Post-Bristol-Myers Class Question," *Law360*, August 23, 2019

"1st Circuit's Uber Ruling Imposes Burden on App Design," *Law360*, July 30, 2018

"Why Widespread Use of Live Video Testimony is Not Justified," *Law360*, June 4, 2018

"Reading the Tea LEaves of Early Post-*Bristol-Myers* Personal Jurisdiction Decisions," *BNA's Class Action Litigation Report*, December 8, 2017

"No Personal Jurisdictional Pass for Federal Plaintiffs," *Law360*, June 26, 2017