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Ashley Saferight represents clients in complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on medical malpractice, products liability, and personal injury defense.

Ashley routinely defends hospitals, long-term care facilities, doctors, and nurses in medical malpractice and professional liability actions. Ashley also works with the Tucker Ellis medical and pharmaceutical liability team defending clients in complex multi-defendant pharmaceutical litigation, and she is part of a Tucker Ellis team of attorneys that serves as national counsel in motor vehicle accident and premises liability litigation for two Fortune 300 companies. Additionally, Ashley defends various corporations in products liability cases, including asbestos defense and food flavorings cases.

Ashley is experienced in all facets of pre-trial litigation, including preparing and responding to pleadings, fact investigation, discovery, developing defense strategies, conducting witness interviews, drafting motions, and oral argument.

In her active pro bono practice, Ashley has successfully secured legal guardianship for several immigrant children. She also achieved a successful resolution in a case where a company failed to perform a client's home repairs in a workmanlike manner.

Before entering law school, Ashley worked as a high school counselor, where she managed student caseloads, handled communications, and analyzed and reworked systems and procedures, resulting in more practical and efficient processes. Her role as a critical advocate for students prepared her for a career in legal advocacy. Ashley's ability to understand, organize, and communicate complicated information, along with her interpersonal skills, make her a valuable asset to clients.

Originally from Georgia, Ashley lives in downtown Cleveland with her fiancé. She enjoys live theatre at Playhouse Square, loves both the Cavaliers and the Indians, and she is learning to love the Browns. A foster volunteer for the Cleveland Animal Protective League, Ashley fostered 13

kittens in 2020.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2019); CALI Excellence for the Future Award in 20 areas of law, including Trial Advocacy, Scientific Evidence, Medical Device Law, Property, and Constitutional Law; Cleveland State Law Review, Development Editor and 2018 Best Student Note; CM OUTlaw, Vice President; Mock Trial Team Captain
- Georgia State University (M.Ed. in School Counseling, 2011)
- Georgia Southern University (B.M. in Vocal Performance, cum laude)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2019

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Educational Institutions
- Health & Life Sciences

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “U.S. Supreme Court Term in Review,” TAANA 2023 Annual Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2023)
- “Use and Authority of Special Masters,” Young Lawyers Blockbuster, DRI 2023 Drug and Medical Device Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana (May 2023)
- “Ohio Rules of Court: Amendments Effective July 1, 2020,” Tucker Ellis Trial Department (January 2021)
- “Work-Life Balance,” Cleveland-Marshall Women Law Students Association (October 2020)
- “Transforming Struggle to Strength: Growth Mindset,” Social Advocates for Youth, Cleveland, Ohio (April 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Masters of Our Fate: Navigating the Use of Masters in Complex Litigation,” DRI’s *For the Defense* (October 2023)
- “Things You Didn’t Learn in Law School – Part II: You’ve Gotta Crawl Before You Walk – How to Survive and Thrive as a Baby Lawyer,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (January 2022)
- “Things You Didn’t Learn in Law School,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (January 2021)
- “Clear as Mud: Constitutional Concerns with Clear Affirmative Consent,” 67 *Clev. St. L. Rev.* 431 (2019)

Honors

- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2024)
- Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
 - » 3Rs Program Volunteer
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Cleveland Leadership Center
 - » OnBoard Cleveland Class of 2022
- Center for Arts-Inspired Learning
 - » CAL Collective
 - » Education Committee
- Cleveland Animal Protective League
 - » Foster Volunteer