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Katie Pangburn defends pharmaceutical and medical device clients in product liability litigation.

Katie assists our life sciences litigation teams in the defense of clients in complex multidefendant pharmaceutical litigation in state and federal courts and in multidistrict litigation. She is experienced in conducting legal research and analysis and supports the teams in all aspects of litigation, including motion briefing, discovery, and plaintiff, percipient, company witness, and expert witness depositions. Katie continually considers the impact of various events on the industry and clients, bringing important insight into strategy at all stages of a case—be it early on in discovery, post-deposition, or in trial.

Katie also is part of a Tucker Ellis team of attorneys that serves as national counsel in motor vehicle accident and premises liability litigation, including for two Fortune 300 companies. She has played a key role in two trials involving disputed liability and substantial claimed damages.

During law school, Katie worked as a law clerk at an entertainment law firm, where she researched labor and employment issues in the context of the entertainment industry, evaluated potential client claims, and prepared recommendations on case acceptance. She also worked as a law clerk for an organization that offered free family law assistance and legal education to its clients, providing legal advice and social service referrals under attorney supervision. Rounding out her legal experience, Katie worked as a summer law clerk for a municipal law department, where she prepared and drafted contracts, supported contract negotiations, researched municipal procurement issues, and worked with agencies on pre-litigation dispute resolutions.

Katie enjoys hiking and traveling. Dublin, Ireland and Queenstown, New Zealand are among her favorite travel destination thus far, and she looks forward to visiting Venice, Italy and London, England next. When not traveling, she keeps busy doing logic puzzles, daily crosswords, Sudoku, yoga, and exploring the local restaurant scene.

Education

- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (J.D., 2020); Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice, Managing Editor
- Indiana University (B.S., with distinction, 2016)

State Admissions

- California, 2021

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California
- United States District Court, District of Colorado

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- “It’s No ‘Minor’ Issue: Reframing Traditional Understandings of Minors’ Rights to Bodily Autonomy and Freedom of Sexual Decision-making,” 29:1 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Social Justice 107 (Winter 2019)