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Madeline Dennis is an experienced litigator with a focus on defending medical device and pharmaceutical companies against product liability and personal injury claims.

For several years, Madeline served on a Tucker Ellis team defending a large medical device manufacturer in hundreds of cases nationwide involving transvaginal mesh. She held leadership roles on the briefing team in coordinating and conducting discovery efforts and in developing strategy for trials, including acting as trial counsel in mock jury exercises.

Madeline enjoys working up cases and directing case strategy. She has experience in taking effective expert-witness depositions and obtaining favorable rulings in the *Daubert* and dispositive motion context. She has led briefing teams and given oral argument related to the key defense of federal impossibility preemption. Madeline has had considerable multidistrict litigation involvement, including serving as defense counsel in MDLs related to transvaginal mesh, prescription opioids, diabetes drugs, and chemotherapy agents. In 2022, she obtained a complete defense verdict in a medical malpractice case on behalf of a large hospital system. Madeline also defends individual cases involving orthopedic devices and consumer products.

Since joining Tucker Ellis as a summer associate in 2012, Madeline has gained considerable experience developing case-specific theories and with complex brief writing, including summary judgment, *Daubert* issues, pre-trial, and trial motions. She has served as an active member on trial teams for numerous federal trials. She stays abreast of key issues in national defense litigation via active involvement in the Defense Research Institute (DRI) Drug and Medical Device Law Committee.

Madeline grew up in Cleveland and played soccer for Case Western Reserve University. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, running, meditating, cheering for the Cleveland Cavaliers, and spending time with her husband, two toddlers, two dogs, and large Cleveland-based extended family.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2014); Order of the Coif; Case Western Reserve University Law Review, Associate Editor; CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Torts, Professional Responsibility, Sales, Discrimination in Employment, and White Collar Crime
- Case Western Reserve University (B.A., magna cum laude, 2011)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2014

Service Areas

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

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Mindful in the Midst of It: How to Keep the Momentum Mid-Career,” Tucker Ellis In-House Counsel Summit (October 2023)
- “Zoomed Discovery: Presenting and Examining Drug and Device Witnesses and Experts in a Virtual Setting,” 2022 DRI Drug and Medical Device Seminar, Nashville, Tennessee (September 2022)

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Ins and Outs of Plaintiff Fact Sheets in Multidistrict Litigation,” *DRI’s For the Defense* (October 2023)
- “Mid-Career Motivation: How to Keep Going When Life Happens,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (April 2023)
- “Combatting ‘If You Had Known’ Hypotheticals,” *DRI’s For the Defense* (November 2017)
- “Strategies and Considerations When Breaking Up Mass Actions After *BMS*,” *DRI’s The Voice* (September 2017)
- “Winners Don’t Walk Away Empty Handed: Don’t Forget Your Costs,” *DRI’s The Voice* (June 2017)
- “Take-Home Asbestos Claims: The Evolving Litigation Landscape – 6th Annual Jurisdictional Update,” HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (November 2015)
- “‘Take-Home’ Premises Liability Asbestos Exposure Claims – 2013 Update,” published in *DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Newsletter* (January 2014), *OACTA Update Newsletter* (Spring 2014), and HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (June 2014)
- “Determinants of Altered Life Perspectives Among Older Adult Long-Term Cancer Survivors,” *Cancer Nursing* (May-June 2011)

Honors

- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2020–2024)

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
 - » 3Rs Program
- Defense Research Institute
 - » Young Lawyers Steering Committee
 - » Expert Witness Subcommittee, Co-Chair
- Towards Employment
 - » Young Professionals Associate Board
 - » Associate Board Member (2015-2019) and Former President
- West Side Catholic Center, Associate Board Secretary