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

Madeline serves as local and national trial counsel for hospitals, manufacturers, and other businesses. Since joining Tucker Ellis as a summer associate in 2012, she has coordinated discovery efforts, complex brief writing, jury exercises, and trials. Madeline enjoys working with expert witnesses and has experience taking effective expert witness depositions and obtaining favorable rulings in the Rule 702 and dispositive motion context. She has given oral argument on the key defense of federal impossibility preemption.

Madeline has had considerable multidistrict litigation involvement, including serving as defense counsel in MDLs related to chemotherapy agents, blood thinners, diabetes drugs, transvaginal mesh, and prescription opioids. In 2022 and 2023, she obtained complete defense verdicts in two medical malpractice trials on behalf of a large local hospital system. In 2024, she served on a trial team on behalf of an infant formula manufacturer that resulted in a complete defense verdict. Madeline also defends individual cases involving orthopedic devices and consumer products.

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, dog, 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

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America (2025)
- 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
- Tucker Ellis Women’s Initiative, Co-Chair