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Maha Kabbash focuses her practice on the defense of pharmaceutical and medical device companies in product liability litigation.

Twenty-five years into her career, Maha is a soup-to-nuts litigator. Her practical experience infuses every stage of defending a product liability lawsuit – from drafting pleadings to written and electronic discovery, taking depositions of plaintiffs and treating providers, preparing and representing company employees at their depositions, developing expert reports and testimony, and engaging in motion practice – through trial and appeal.

Ranked in Chambers USA in the area of Litigation: Product Liability (New Jersey), Maha wins praise for her strong litigation practice. “She regularly handles high-value product liability disputes and offers notable expertise in cases concerning the healthcare sector.” One client adds, “Maha is personable, responsive and fun to work with.” Other Chambers sources describe Maha as an impressive and exceptional attorney and a quick study who “will not be out-worked.”

A committed champion of equity, diversity, and inclusion in both the legal community and the community at large, Maha has devoted years of volunteer service to local and national civil rights and cultural organizations. She currently serves on the Parish Council and Charity Committee of her church.

Maha is a fiercely proud “Jersey Girl.” Outside of work, she loves live music of (almost) any variety, being groupie-in-chief at her husband’s and children’s rock gigs, and singing in the church choir. She also enjoys pilates, home design, and time spent down the shore.

Education

- American University Washington College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1998)
- Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service (B.S.F.S., cum laude, 1994)

State Admissions

- New Jersey, 1998
- New York, 2002

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States District Court, Northern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Western District of New York

Service Areas

- Health & Life Sciences
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation
- Class Action Litigation

Industries Represented

- Medical Devices
- Pharmaceutical & Medicine
- Computers & Electronics

Experience

- Argued before New Jersey’s appellate court on the admissibility of trial evidence in FDA’s 510k clearance process for Class II medical devices and the availability of punitive damages under New Jersey’s Product Liability Act for 510k cleared medical devices, which resulted in the court vacating a multimillion-dollar verdict against the client
- Served as co-lead trial counsel in three lawsuits brought against a manufacturer of pelvic mesh surgical implants
- Developed a team of 15 medical liability experts for pelvic and hernia mesh litigation, including identification, vetting and onboarding of experts, development of reports, opposition of Rule 702 motions, and preparation for trial testimony
- Prepared and defended more than 30 company witnesses at their depositions
- Obtained multiple summary judgment dismissals in pelvic mesh lawsuits on statute of limitations and other grounds
- Represented a manufacturer of breast cancer chemotherapy treatment in NJ Multi County Litigation proceedings
- Represented a manufacturer of CAR T-cell therapy in responding to third-party subpoenas
- Obtained summary judgment for a manufacturer of microwave oven drawers in a class action proceeding
- Served as co-trial counsel in a five-month trial of a groundwater contamination case brought under CERCLA, resulting in the client’s trial victory
- Achieved favorable settlements and summary judgment dismissals on behalf of a leading manufacturer of laptops in numerous consumer lawsuits in New Jersey

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “McGinnis NJ Supreme Court Ruling on the Admissibility of 510k Evidence,” CLE Day, Morristown, New Jersey (November 2023)
- “Case Law Update,” NJ ICLE Multi County Litigation Seminar, virtual seminar (June 2022)
- “Hrymoc/McGinnis Ruling,” 2021 IADC Product Liability Group, virtual presentation (May 2021)

Honors

- Chambers USA
 - » Litigation: Product Liability (New Jersey) (2022–2024)
- The Best Lawyers in America® (2024)
- Top Women in Law, New Jersey Law Journal (2020)
- New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2008–2012)

See [Awards and Honors methodologies](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

In the Community

- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- New Jersey Defense Association
- National Arab American Bar Association
- St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
 - » Parish Council
 - » Legal Advisor
 - » Charity Committee Treasurer
- Palestinian Heritage Foundation, Trustee
- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, member and former NJ Chapter President