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Ericka brings to her practice over 20 years of experience in complex litigation involving pharmaceutical and medical device product liability, toxic tort and environmental litigation, and general tort liability claims. Ericka provides legal representation to a wide variety of clients, including leading pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, and industrial manufacturers. She has served on trial teams involved in some of the most complex and high-profile litigations of the last two decades.

In the pharmaceutical/medical device industry, Ericka has represented pharmaceutical manufacturers in cases involving personal injury claims related to a variety of products, including antibiotics, heart medication, blood products, over-the-counter cold medication, diabetes medication, cholesterol medication, vaccines, and diet drugs. She also represented medical device manufacturers in claims alleging injury as a result of product defects.

Ericka's toxic tort experience includes the representation of Baltimore City property owners involved in lead-based paint litigation as well as the representation of manufacturers in cases of alleged injury from exposure to benzene and vinyl chloride. She also has wide experience in general litigation involving product liability, personal injury, and property claims. In the context of litigation, Ericka has evaluated indemnity issues, contractual matters, and business practices of her clients.

Ericka is committed to counseling her clients to negotiate potential and actual litigation in a manner that best protects their legal and business interests. She has negotiated multimillion-dollar settlements and discovery agreements. She has also managed the production of millions of pages of documents through the course of discovery and taken numerous depositions defending company witnesses. She has appeared before judges and juries on behalf of her clients in trial, motions hearings, and evidentiary hearings, and at court-ordered conferences across the country.

Ericka also has appellate experience and has argued before the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

Education

University of Maryland Francis King
Carey School of Law, JD (1998)

American University, BA (1992)

Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of
Maryland

Practice Areas

[Class Action & Multi-Claim Litigation](#)

[Products Liability - Pharmaceuticals &
Medical Devices](#)

[Toxic Torts/Asbestos](#)

[Environmental Enforcement & Litigation](#)

Industries

[Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals & Medical
Devices](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Previous Professional Experience

- Partner, Baltimore office of Mid-Atlantic law firm (2013–2021)
 - Of Counsel (2010–2012)
 - Partner (2006–2007)
 - Associate (2000–2005)
- Of Counsel, Washington D.C. office of international law firm (2007–2010)
- Associate, Maryland law firm (1999–2000)
- Assistant Public Defender, Maryland Office of the Public Defender (Jan. 1999–Sept. 1999)

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2025-2026)
- [Maryland Super Lawyers](#), Personal Injury – Products: Defense (2022)

