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Rachel defends businesses in products liability and commercial disputes. She represents medical device and drug manufacturers in state and federal courts around the country and is knowledgeable in medical device preemption issues.

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.

- Member of trial team that obtained defense verdict for medical device company in a case involving alleged injuries from hernia mesh.
- Member of team that obtained dismissal for medical device company on federal preemption under Riegel in a case involving alleged injuries from silicone gel breast implants (C.D. Cal.).
- Member of the team that obtained dismissal for medical device company on federal preemption under Riegel and Ohio Product Liability Act abrogation in a case involving alleged breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL) from silicone gel breast implants.
- Member of the team that won motion to disqualify in post-conviction relief matter.
- While in law school, served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Donald C. Nugent in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

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.

- [Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch](#)

Education

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, JD,
summa cum laude (2018)

John Carroll University, BS, magna cum
laude (2015)

Admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Northern District
of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District
of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Practice Areas

[Litigation](#)

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

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

- Commercial Litigation (2024-2026)
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2024-2026)
- [Legal 500 United States](#), Dispute Resolution: Product liability, mass tort, and class action – defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (2023)
- [Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars®](#), PI - Products: Defense (2023-2025)

Professional Activities

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (4 years)
 - 3Rs Program
 - Young Lawyers Section

Community

- Youth Challenge – young professional board member
- Served in post-conviction appeal involving a capital murder case
- Assisted with landlord-tenant disputes in Cuyahoga County

Articles & Speeches

Insights

Clawback Provisions and 409A Litigation, Executive & Director Compensation Reference Guide , *Bloomberg Law*-Contributor (2020)