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As a lawyer focused in the sciences, Eric's practice concentrates on medical and scientific issues in the defense of pharmaceutical products liability litigation, which involves analysis and understanding of peer-reviewed epidemiologic studies and clinical trials, extensive study of disease processes, risk factors, treatments and outcomes, and close working relationships with a network of experts in some of the nation's most respected hospitals and universities. Eric has served as a member of trial teams for national-level litigation and bellwether trials, often in the role of presenting the overall medical, scientific, and technical evidence into jury-friendly trial themes.

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.

- Frequently called upon to help formulate and execute defense strategies in mass tort litigation based on reliable scientific evidence and Daubert challenges to plaintiffs' experts
- Member of trial teams that won defense verdicts in the first three MDL bellwether trials involving Factor Xa inhibitor anticoagulant litigation
- Member of science team that achieved dismissal of thousands of cases based on Daubert rulings involving claims that a statin medication caused Type 2 diabetes
- Member of trial teams that achieved six defense verdicts in a row in federal and state court hormone therapy cases
- Decades of experience in products liability litigation involving prescription pharmaceuticals, OTC medications, infectious disease as well as environmental and occupational exposures
- Experience handling cases with a variety of injury and disease processes including cancer, lung disease, heart disease, stroke, intracranial hemorrhage, liver disease, diabetes, neuropathy, hyperlipidemia, pulmonary hypertension, arrhythmia, vascular disease, internal bleeding, and cognitive disorders

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, JD (1994)

- Served on the Editorial Board of the *South Carolina Law Review*
- Order of Wig and Robe
- Recipient, American Jurisprudence Awards for Constitutional Law and Torts

University of South Carolina, Honors College, BA, International Relations, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa (1991)

Admissions

Kentucky

South Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

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®](#), Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (2021–2026), Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants (2023–2026), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2023–2026)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar Association
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar

Practice Areas

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

[E-Discovery & Information Governance](#)

[Litigation](#)

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

[Toxic Torts/Asbestos](#)

Industries

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

Articles & Speeches

Blogs

[Potential Nitrosamine Contamination Results in Another Voluntary Pharmaceutical Recall](#), The Life Sciences Lab - Author (April 7, 2023)