

Meredith Redwine

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Trial and Global Disputes

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Meredith Redwine specializes in defending pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in product liability suits. A partner in our Product Liability practice, Meredith represents manufacturers in large-scale, multi-district and mass tort litigation as well as individual product liability actions.

Meredith has substantial experience in representing large pharmaceutical and medical device companies in a variety of product liability actions in state and federal courts across the country. Her experience includes trial and mediation; working with expert witnesses in the preparation of scientific causation opinions; preparing and defending expert witnesses and company witnesses; deposing plaintiffs and prescribing and treating physicians; coordinating discovery; and briefing dispositive and procedural motions.

In addition, Meredith has engaged in large-scale product liability settlement negotiations, evaluating thousands of cases and claims, and structuring and managing settlements.

Meredith was named by *Law360* as one of only five Rising Stars for Product Liability Litigation in 2017 and a 2011 Georgia Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*. She is a frequent speaker on issues relating to drug and medical device litigation.

Matters

Serves as core member of national coordinating and trial counsel team representing **GlaxoSmithKline** in nationwide product liability litigation concerning alleged associations between Paxil and birth defects, autism spectrum disorders, and suicidality. Ms. Redwine has experience conducting, coordinating, and managing discovery; drafting dispositive and procedural motions; and trial preparation as well as working with expert witnesses that have spanned a broad array of scientific disciplines (teratology, obstetrics and maternal-fetal medicine, pediatric cardiology, developmental biology, genetics, and epidemiology). Ms. Redwine managed the docket of cases, including conducting discovery and formulating litigation strategy, concerning allegations that maternal use of Paxil caused development of autism spectrum disorders in children exposed *in utero*. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the entire docket of cases.

Representing **Coloplast** as part of the team serving as National Coordinating and Trial Counsel in nationwide product liability litigation relating to injuries allegedly caused by the company's female

pelvic mesh devices.

Represented large pharmaceutical manufacturer in internal investigation regarding potential off-label marketing activities.

Advised large pharmaceutical manufacturer in potential ICC arbitration against Indian supplier relating to certain FDA actions and the supplier's ability to meet manufacturing standards.

Obtained dismissal of **Vertical Pharmaceutical, LLC** and **BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc.** in suit alleging that actions of various opioid manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and prescribers contributed to an "opioid epidemic" in Arkansas.

Successfully represented **GlaxoSmithKline** in *Rader v. GSK*, a case involving allegations that Paxil caused a congenital heart defect (Tetralogy of Fallot). After two weeks of trial, the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas granted a directed verdict for GSK for lack of evidence of learned intermediary proximate cause. Ms. Redwine also represented GlaxoSmithKline at two other bellwether trials in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas involving allegations of birth defects caused by Paxil.

Successfully briefed and argued motion for summary judgment on various grounds, including statute of limitations, and assisted in obtaining dismissal on *Daubert* grounds for **GlaxoSmithKline** in a case alleging that maternal Paxil use caused congenital bicuspid aortic valve. (*K.E. v. GlaxoSmithKline*, 2017 WL 440242 (D. Conn. Feb. 1, 2017)).

Obtained dismissal for **GlaxoSmithKline** of numerous claims, under *Twombly/Iqbal*, in a case alleging that Paxil caused adult valvular heart disease. Later, obtained summary judgment of remaining claims based on statute of limitations, and successfully briefed appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. (*McLaughlin v. GSK*, 2014 WL 669349 (W.D. La. Jan. 6, 2014) and 2014 WL 2200868 (W.D. La. May 27, 2014), *aff'd* 601 F. App'x 312 (5th Cir. Mar. 3, 2015)).

Advised large pharmaceutical manufacturer relating to marketing activities for vaccine product.

Obtained summary judgment for **GlaxoSmithKline** in a case alleging maternal Paxil use caused a congenital limb defect after the Court excluded plaintiffs' general and specific causation expert witnesses. (*Frischhertz v. GSK*, 2012 WL 6697124 (E.D. La. Dec. 21, 2012)).

Represented **Merck Sharpe & Dohme Corporation** in multi-district litigation in New Jersey federal court concerning allegations of a link between the company's osteoporosis medication, Fosamax, and atypical femur fractures.

Represented **Purdue Pharma** in an action filed by the Kentucky Attorney General seeking Medicaid-related costs and other damages allegedly caused by the company's marketing and promotion of its prescription pain medication.

Represented **HealthSouth Corporation** in a case alleging fraudulent transfer and seeking to enforce a multimillion-dollar consent judgment obtained against a former HealthSouth subsidiary.

Served as trial counsel and obtained a defense verdict for **Nissan North America, Inc.** in a case alleging injuries as a result of a defective air bag system. (*Simmons v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, No. CV206-103, S.D. Ga.).

Assisted clients in the evaluation, negotiation, and resolution of mass tort litigation.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Georgia, summa cum laude, Order of the Coif
B.S., University of Georgia, summa cum laude with highest honors

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
Georgia
Supreme Court of Georgia

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk, Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Georgia
Defense Research Institute
International Association of Defense Counsel
Order of the Coif, University of Georgia School of Law, 2004
Order of Barristers, University of Georgia School of Law, 2004
Graduate, International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy, 2015

Recognition

Rising Star: Product Liability Litigation

LAW360, 2017

Georgia Rising Star: Product Liability Litigation

SUPER LAWYERS, 2011

Outstanding Mock Trial Advocate

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW, 2004

Regional Champion and Best Brief Award

NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2003

Insights

ARTICLE

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CLIENT ALERT

May 27, 2020

Accelerated Covid-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials

February 21, 2019

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November 5, 2015

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