

Austin Evans

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Austin Evans is a trial lawyer in King & Spalding’s Austin office and is a member of the Trial and Global Disputes team. Austin has experience defending many cases, on both the state and federal levels, involving diverse claims against international corporations. Austin rejoined the firm in 2021 after spending time in-house at Walmart Inc., where, among other things, he managed and helped develop litigation strategy for significant personal injury cases. During his time in-house, Austin also co-led cross-functional teams, partnered with internal business clients to evaluate and mitigate risk, and helped develop technology to benefit internal and external counsel. Leveraging his experience, Austin has a unique perspective and takes an approach to litigation that is strategic, practical, and results-driven.

Austin has significant trial and litigation management experience defending clients in the retail, consumer products and pharmaceutical/medical device industries. He has an active tobacco litigation practice, representing R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in individual and mass-action smoking and health lawsuits across the country, and currently serves as counsel for Reynolds in numerous *Engle* progeny personal injury/wrongful death cases pending in Florida.

Austin is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), an invitation-only, peer-reviewed membership of corporate defense attorneys and in-house counsel.

In his free time, Austin enjoys mountain biking, dominating on the Peloton, and wrangling his five young kids.

Publications/Presentations

- “Sending in the Reserves: Litigator Interactions with Finance/Audit” (2019 IADC Corporate Counsel College, Chicago, IL)
- “Defending Against Letters of Protection” (2019 Florida Defense Lawyers Association Conference, Orlando, FL)
- “Review of Current Issues in Medicare Secondary Payer and Personal Injury Settlements” (2015)
- Rutenberg, C., Greenberg, M. E., Councell, T., & Evans, A. A., Telephone Triage: A Primer for Lawyers and LNCs., in Vol. II, NURSING MALPRACTICE (Patricia W. Iyer et al. eds., 4th ed. 2011)

Recognition

- Graduate, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy
- Order of the Barristers
- Member, University of Pittsburgh National Health Law Moot Court team

***Admitted only in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida.**

Matters

Haliburton v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (four-week trial in Palm Beach County, Florida, December 2014, full defense verdict).

Baum v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (four-week trial in Miami-Dade County, Florida, August 2014, full defense verdict).

Wendel v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (four-week trial in Miami-Dade County, Florida, February 2014, full defense verdict).

Brown v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (four-week trial in Escambia County, Florida, September 2013, full defense verdict).

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pittsburgh

B.S., University of Georgia

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

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

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

Florida

Georgia

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

ASSOCIATIONS

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