

## Eva Canaan

Partner

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Eva Canaan's practice focuses on the strategic development and coordination of the scientific defense in pharmaceutical and medical device products liability litigation. In addition to her law degree, Eva holds a Masters in Epidemiology from Columbia University. Eva is adept at challenging expert witness testimony in depositions and *Daubert* briefs in federal and state courts.

Eva focuses on making complex scientific concepts accessible to judges and juries. She routinely works with experts in a variety of scientific disciplines, including epidemiology, toxicology, teratology, and clinical medicine. Going beyond bottom-line conclusions, Eva aggressively interrogates the data and methodology of studies and reports, often exposing flaws and weaknesses glossed over by the authors and plaintiffs' experts. She has deposed plaintiffs' main causation experts and drafted *Daubert* and *Frye* briefs in high-stakes litigations affecting hundreds of cases. Eva follows the epidemiological literature related to her clients' products – both in and outside of the litigation context -- and provides real-time analyses and risk-assessments to her clients.

### Matters

Representing a **major pharmaceutical company** in federal multidistrict litigation relating to allegations of birth defects from an anti-emetic medication. Deposed plaintiffs' main causation experts to obtain key admissions to support pending *Daubert* challenges to exclude the experts' opinions. Successfully briefed motions related to an epidemiological study relied upon by plaintiffs' experts, revealing undisclosed conflicts of interest, including funding of the study by plaintiffs' counsel. *In re: Zofran (Ondansetron) Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 392 F.Supp.3d 179 (D. Mass. 2019), *In re: Zofran (Ondansetron) Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 1:15-md-2657, 2020 WL 1550563 (D. Mass. Apr. 1, 2020).

Represented **major pharmaceutical company** in federal and state litigation relating to allegations of birth defects from an anti-depressant medication. Successfully briefed *Daubert* motion excluding plaintiffs' general and specific causation experts. *Frischhertz v. SmithKline Beecham Corp.*, No. CIV.A.10-2125, 2012 WL 6697124 (E.D. La. Dec. 21, 2012).

Represented **major pharmaceutical company** in state and federal litigation relating to allegations of neurological injuries from a denture adhesive product.

Represented **major pharmaceutical company** in multidistrict litigation relating to allegations of

heart attack and stroke from an anti-diabetic medication.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

M.S., Columbia University

J.D., Yeshiva University

B.A., New York University, summa cum laude

### ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

New York

### ASSOCIATIONS

New York State Bar Association - Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section

### LANGUAGES

Georgian

Russian

## Recognition

Named New York Metro Super Lawyers®

RISING STAR, 2014

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## Insights

### ARTICLE

*March 11, 2021 • Source: The New York Law Journal*

The Importance of Epidemiology To Contextualize Safety Signals Associated With Women's Health Products

### CLIENT ALERT

*January 4, 2022*

FDA Alerts Pharmaceutical Manufacturers to Risk of Benzene in Certain Drugs

*September 3, 2020*

New FDA Guidance on Control of Nitrosamine Impurities

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## Events

### WEBINAR

*October 29, 2021*

Nitrosamines and Beyond: The Future of Regulatory Actions and Litigation in a World of Contamination Claims

## News

### IN THE NEWS

*June 10, 2020 • Source: Law.com*

Eva Canaan highlights the troubling trends in MDL rulings in a letter to the Judicial Conference

Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules

*April 15, 2020 • Source: Law360, Bloomberg Law, Financial Times, Reuters, The Deal, The National Law Journal and CDR*

Life Sciences and Healthcare Litigation partner Eva Canaan joins the firm's Trial and Global Disputes practice group in New York

#### RECOGNITION

*June 10, 2021*

Legal 500 United States 2021 Ranks King & Spalding Practices Among the Top in the Nation

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