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Ursula Henninger is a first-chair trial lawyer specializing in defending personal injury, wrongful death, and tort claims in courts throughout the U.S. Her cases are often in recognized "judicial hellholes" and involve allegations of corporate misconduct leading to claims for significant punitive damages. A partner in our Trial and Global Disputes practice, Ursula represents companies in tobacco, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other industries.

With more than 20 years of experience, Ursula represents well-known corporations, including pharmaceutical and tobacco companies, in high-profile product liability matters. She has tried over 40 cases in her career throughout the country and is known for her ability to relate to juries. In addition, she is frequently asked to lead industry groups related to common litigation themes, trial presentation and interests.

In addition to handling mass tort litigation at trial, Ursula coordinates defense team efforts, leading case management from the filing of the complaint to trial and through the appeals process. She often serves as lead case management lawyer for actions filed in multiple jurisdictions, and directs pretrial discovery and motion practice for the defense team in numerous cases.

Ursula has extensive experience as trial counsel defending tobacco manufacturers in *Engle* progeny actions in Florida state and federal courts, and has tried over 15 *Engle* progeny cases. Her trial experience is not limited to *Engle* actions, as Ursula has tried numerous cases on behalf of R.J. Reynolds throughout the U.S. in both state and federal court. In addition to her vast experience in tobacco litigation, Ursula is active in defending product liability claims against pharmaceutical companies as well. Her most recent pharmaceutical trial was in federal court in Chicago in the matter *Wendy Dolin v. Glaxo Smith Klein* (N.D. Illinois 2017).

Ursula's trial successes are well-recognized. Ursula received Law 360's MVP Award in 2018 for the category "Trials" and Courtroom View Network's "Engle Defense Attorney of the Year" in 2018 as well. Ursula has also been named a U.S. Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation 2017*, and has been ranked by *Legal 500 US* for Litigation: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense – Consumer Products.

Matters

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Reinaldo Ojeda v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Miami Dade).

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Robert Denton v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (M.D. Fla.).

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Hildegard Brown v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Escambia).

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Charles G. Wendel v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Miami Dade).

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Hazel Mathis v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Broward).

Represented **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.** in *Engle* progeny case, *Stanley Martin v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Broward).

Represented **GlaxoSmithKline** in a trial in federal court in Chicago in the matter *Wendy Dolin v. GlaxoSmithKline* (N.D. Illinois 2017).

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Wake Forest University, cum laude

B.A., Appalachian State University, cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Florida

North Carolina

Recognition

U.S. Litigation Star

BENCHMARK LITIGATION, 2017

Litigation: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense – Consumer Products

LEGAL 500 U.S.

Events

WEBINAR

September 26, 2019

Making the Most of Appellate Counsel at Trial

News

IN THE NEWS

July 19, 2019 • Source: Courtroom View Network

Ursula Henninger represents R.J. Reynolds, scoring a defense verdict after two hours of jury deliberations

July 19, 2019 • Source: Courtroom View Network

Ursula Henninger obtains a favorable dismissal for R.J. Reynolds

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