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Stephanie is Co-Chair of the firm's Class Action group with a national practice centered on complex commercial, product liability, class action, and insurance litigation matters in federal and state courts.

In every case, Stephanie looks to obtain early victories to help clients avoid protracted litigation. She often works to secure dismissal or to strike or defeat class certification, as well as employs tactics to prompt plaintiffs to voluntarily dismiss their claims. She also develops summary judgment strategies and evidentiary motions to secure dismissal before trial or significantly narrow the claims and redefine a case's valuation.

Stephanie represents clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, software, technology, insurance, food and retail.

In her practice, Stephanie guides businesses to defend and prosecute high-stakes and complex claims.

Her notable successes in class action work include a complete defense verdict for an insurer in a jury trial, as well as a voluntary dismissal of all class claims in a consumer class action.

In her product liability work, Stephanie has won dismissal at various stages of litigation for manufacturers and has successfully prevented the filing of several multimillion-dollar claims against industrial products manufacturers.

She has also successfully represented several software companies in both pursuing and defending actions, obtaining judgments and achieving favorable settlements in disputes over contracts and software licenses.

Representative Matters

Stephanie's litigation successes include:*

Class Actions

- Secured voluntary dismissal of a purported class action on behalf of New Mexico residents against a major insurer alleging that failure to provide certain insurance application forms in Spanish violated state consumer laws and the state constitution.
- Successfully represented an insurance company, obtaining a complete defense jury verdict, in a multimillion-dollar termination and reduction of benefits class action brought by retirees.

- Obtained a favorable settlement for an insurance company's insured merchant, including indemnity from a supplier, in a Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003 (FACTA) class action.
- Achieved a favorable class settlement in a multibillion-dollar consumer class action.

Product Liability

- Secured voluntary dismissals of all claims against two pharmaceutical distributor defendants in the massive In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL proceedings in federal district court in Ohio by demonstrating that our clients had minimal-to-zero market share in the plaintiffs' jurisdictions and that none of the claims would be covered by insurance.
- Achieved the pre-response voluntary dismissal with prejudice of all product liability claims against an automotive parts manufacturer by establishing that the product was unrelated to the plaintiff's injuries.
- Achieved multiple pre-response voluntary dismissals of all claims and cross-claims against an industrial products manufacturer by establishing the company's lack of involvement in the case.
- Obtained the dismissal with prejudice, without any settlement payment, of all claims and cross-claims against industrial products manufacturers in several multimillion-dollar product liability cases.
- Obtained a complete defense verdict for an industrial products manufacturer in a product liability arbitration.
- Successfully prevented the commencement of several multimillion-dollar product liability actions against industrial products manufacturers.

Toxic Tort and Mass Tort

- Successfully prevented the commencement of a mass tort and product liability action against a gas manufacturer, as well as successfully avoided a related breach of contract action against the gas manufacturer.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement for an automotive parts manufacturer in a toxic tort case, as well as indemnity and reimbursement of legal fees and costs from a supplier.

** Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*

Services

- Litigation
- Class Actions
- Israel
- Manufacturing
- Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Food & Beverage

Before Fox Rothschild

Stephanie served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sandra Mazer Moss of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, where she gained experience in review and analysis of motions and petitions in medical malpractice, personal injury and real estate actions, and in the observation and participation of settlement conferences, oral argument and discovery court.

While in law school, Stephanie was the notes and comments editor for the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law's *Environmental Law and Technology Journal*.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Stephanie has served on the Board of Directors and the Development Committee for the Philadelphia Theatre Company. She has served on the Board of Directors for the nonprofit Child, Home and Community. She was also chair and vice-chair of the Bucks County Bar Association's Women Lawyers Division.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Education

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Virginia (B.A.)

Memberships

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bucks County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Honors & Awards

- **Selected to the "Super Lawyers Rising Stars" list in Pennsylvania for Product Insurance (2014-2019)**
This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the New Jersey Supreme Court.
- **Named a Temple University Beasley School of Law Scholar (2001-2004)**