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Practices

Drug and Medical Device
Litigation

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

United States Court of Appeals
for the Eleventh Circuit

United States Court of Appeals
for the First Circuit

United States District Court for
the District of Massachusetts

Education

Suffolk University, J.D., *cum
laude*, 1991 (*Suffolk University
Law Review*)

Colby College, B.A., *magna
cum laude*, 1988 (Phi Beta
Kappa)

Overview

Colleen is a highly experienced trial lawyer focused on representing pharmaceutical and healthcare industry clients facing complex litigation challenges. Colleen has tried to verdict various claims against healthcare professionals and major pharmaceutical companies in multi-plaintiff mass tort litigation. In addition to her trial experience, she has significant *Daubert* and scientific expertise with her victories, resulting in the dismissal of thousands of cases pending against her clients.

Colleen has a reputation for mastering complex scientific issues and presenting those issues in the most effective manner in motion practice, evidentiary hearings and at trial.

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Women's Bar Association

Articles & Seminars

- Lawyers for Civil Justice, Annual Meeting, *The Accutane Decision and the Daubert Factors* (December 2018)
- American Conference Institute, Drug and Medical Litigation Conference, *Training the Next Generation of Life Sciences Attorneys to Become an Asset – Deposition Practice* (December 2017)
- American Conference Institute, Women Leaders in Life Sciences Law, *Year in Review: 2016-2017 Legal Updates by Practice Area* (July 2017)
- American Conference Institute, Women Leaders in Life Sciences Law, *What Women Leaders in the Life Sciences Law Must Know about Products Liability, Mass Torts, and "Bet-the-Company" Litigation* (July 2016)

- Boston Bar Association, *Multidistrict Litigation from the Plaintiff, Defense, and Judicial Perspectives* (April 2016)
- American Conference Institute, Drug and Medical Litigation Conference, *Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders of the Defense Bar- Strategy and Trial Advocacy Deep-Dive* (December 2015)

Representative Cases

In re: Accutane Litigation, 234 N.J. 340 (2018) (New Jersey Supreme Court adopts Daubert factors and affirms exclusion of plaintiff's experts resulting in dismissal of over two thousand cases).

Freeman v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., 300 Neb. 47 (2018) (affirming exclusion of causation expert).

Rossitto v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., *Wilkinson v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.*, *Reynolds v. Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.*, and *Young v. Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County, 2012 (Trial Counsel).

Andrews v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., *Greenblatt v. Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.*, and *Gaghan v. Hoffmann-La Roche*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County, 2011 (Trial Counsel). "Roche Win Upheld in 'Twin Peaks' Star's Accutane Case," *Law360*, August 4, 2014.

McCarrell v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County, 2010 (Trial Counsel).

Palazzolo v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., No. A-3789-07T3, 2010 WL 363834 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. Feb. 3, 2010).

Stupak v. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., 326 Fed. Appx. 553 (11th Cir. 2009).

Awards

- Litigation Counsel of America