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Stephanie Gazda is a trial attorney who focuses her practice in toxic tort, products liability, and general liability matters. Stephanie believes that teamwork is essential to providing quality service and efficiently developing a defense strategy for every client.

Stephanie has been involved in asbestos litigation for ten years as both a paralegal and an attorney. She has served as local and national counsel for industrial, marine and aviation companies in toxic tort products liability and premises liability actions. Stephanie has defended these companies in every aspect of litigation, including fact and expert discovery, motion practice, trial preparation, and settlement negotiations. She has handled asbestos claims involving shipyards, chemical plants, marine equipment, aircraft components, boilers, piping, insulation, joint compounds, wiring, general contractors, and commercial suppliers. In addition, Stephanie has helped streamline the discovery process by assisting with document collection and management for national clients.

Stephanie has also defended construction professionals and businesses in all phases of construction defect litigation, including multi-party and complex litigation. She has represented contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, developers and owners against premises liability, construction area accidents, product liability and strict liability claims. Stephanie has helped develop strategies to minimize the client's liability under the contract and obtain the most cost effective resolution while protecting the client's rights at all times.

Stephanie received her law degree from Suffolk University Law School. While in law school, Stephanie worked for the Norfolk District Attorney's Office where she represented the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts at arraignments, pretrial hearings and trials in criminal matters. Stephanie was also a member of the Suffolk University Law School National Trial Team where she participated in national mock trial competitions.

Bar Admissions:

Connecticut, 2011

Massachusetts, 2011

Court and Other Admissions:

U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, 2012

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2012

Education:

Suffolk University Law School, 2011 J.D. - *Honors: Dean's List*

Northeastern University, 2006 B.A. - *Honors: cum laude*

Honors and Awards:

Selected as a Rising Star in *New England Super Lawyers* (Since 2016)

Professional Associations and Memberships:

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

MassDLA Young Lawyers Division Committee

Speaking Engagements & Articles:

Stephanie's speaking engagements and articles include the following:

Goodbye to Substantial Contributing Factor: SJC Redefines the Massachusetts Causation Standard in Multiple Tortfeasor Cases - *Boston Bar Journal (June 2021), Co-Author*

SJC to Decide Issue on Causal Determinations in Multiple Tortfeasor Cases - *MassDLA Article: Co-Author (October 2020)*

The Supreme Judicial Court Decisions in Pair of Wrongful Death Cases Favor MMM&K- Authored Amicus Brief - *Co-Author (March 2020)*

The Latest Medicare Advantage Decisions and Their Impact on Litigation - *MassDLA Article: Co-Author (July 2017)*

Practice Areas

Product Liability

Civil Litigation

Asbestos & Toxic Tort Practice

Construction Litigation

Awards

