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Kate Wyatt is a trial attorney who handles companies' toxic tort litigation, products liability litigation, construction defect litigation, premises litigation, and business litigation in state and federal courts. Kate prides herself on representing companies that range from Fortune 100 to small family-owned companies.

Kate has defended toxic tort premises liability and products liability actions, serving on both local and national counsel teams. Kate has been part of national counsel teams involving all aspects of the discovery process and trial preparation in both state and federal courts in a multitude of jurisdictions. In that capacity, she has worked to craft a nationwide defense, streamline the discovery process, and has prepared lay witnesses, corporate witnesses, and expert witnesses, including medical experts, industrial hygienists, and intellectual property experts.

Kate has represented toxic tort and asbestos defendants in state and federal court, and worked as part of defendants' liaison counsel team in Massachusetts asbestos litigation. She has defended asbestos claims involving both premises and products, including refineries, chemical plants, shipyards, oil fields, boilers, brakes and other automobile components, paints and pigments, resins, asphalt, and pipes. In addition, Kate has defended wrongful death actions relating to industrial accidents, including construction sites, and has worked to prepare safety and OSHA compliance experts.

Kate also routinely defends cases brought against construction companies, contractors, building products manufacturers, suppliers, engineers, and architects involving both

commercial and residential properties. Her experience includes defending construction defect cases involving water intrusion, mold, drainage issues, roofing defects, and structural problems. Kate has also defended fire and explosion cases.

Kate has also worked extensively to build protocols and procedures for both large and small companies to comply with the Medicare Secondary Payer Act, Medicaid Secondary Payer procedures and Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (MMSEA/ Mandatory Settlement Reporting).

Kate has been selected by her peers for inclusion as a New England Super Lawyers “Rising Star” and in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts, 2009

Connecticut, 2019

Court and Other Admissions:

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2010

Education:

Suffolk University Law School, 2009

J.D.

Honors: Dean’s List

Georgetown University, 2004

B.A.

Honors and Awards:

Recognized in *Boston Magazine’s Law Experts* 2021 and 2022

Selected by peers for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers*® under Civil Litigation: Defense

Best Lawyers Ones to Watch 2021

Best Lawyers Ones to Watch 2022

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Boston Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association

Speaking Engagements & Articles:

The New Normal - Remote Depositions, Hearings and Mediations — *Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (October 2020), Speaker*

Product Liability Litigation: Trends, Updates, and Critical Issues in Light of COVID-19 - *The Knowledge Group Webcast (May 27, 2020), Speaker*

Product Liability Litigation: Practical Tips and Strategies (Focusing on Asbestos, Talc, Proposition 65 and Glyphosate) - *The Knowledge Group (February 5, 2019), Speaker*

MMSEA Section 111 and Asbestos Litigation: The Advantages of Dealing with the Elephantine Mass - *HB Legal News: Medicare Secondary Payer (April 2010), Co-Author*

Practice Areas

Product Liability

Civil Litigation

Asbestos & Toxic Tort Practice

Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance/Medicare & Medicaid Reporting

Construction Litigation

Awards

Super Lawyers

