



C. Darcy Jalandoni

partner

Darcy has experience in all aspects of civil litigation from initial case assessment through settlement, trial and appeals.

Darcy utilizes a comprehensive outlook and practical approach to obtaining client goals, with an eye toward business-minded solutions. She often works with full-service and interdisciplinary teams in state and federal court, and has significant experience working with all software platforms supporting current e-discovery requirements under state and federal rules of civil procedure. She has litigated and resolved complex discovery issues in multiple jurisdictions.

Darcy specializes in tort actions, with a focus on product liability; employment litigation; and complex commercial litigation. Darcy has represented manufacturers and suppliers of numerous commercial and consumer products, including recreational vehicles and medical devices, in state and federal litigation. Darcy also represents employers in actions alleging various forms of discrimination and retaliation. She has handled a wide range of commercial disputes involving creditor's rights, landlord/tenant issues, enforcement of restrictive covenants and breach of contract.

Darcy believes in advancing justice for all and frequently brings her skills as a litigator to assist in pro bono matters. She has represented a number of clients in pro bono housing and commercial disputes and served as court-appointed counsel representing an inmate in a federal civil rights action against corrections officers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Product Liability & Tort

- Assisted in obtaining a complete defense verdict for a national non-profit following a nine-day trial in a complex personal injury matter in federal court. Helped successfully defend that verdict before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and on petition for certiorari before the United States Supreme Court.
- Serves as local counsel for healthcare services company in litigation related to pharmaceutical distribution practices.

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law
School, J.D., 2010

Princeton University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2006

SERVICES

Litigation

- Health Care litigation
- Appellate and Supreme Court practice
- Commercial litigation
- Environmental litigation
- Product liability
- E-Discovery
- Arbitration and mediation
- Class actions, mass torts and MDLs
- Catastrophic injuries

- Successfully mediated product liability and professional negligence claims brought against prosthetic clinic in personal injury case.
- Negotiated successful settlement on behalf of orthotic clinic against claims under Ohio law brought in federal court.
- Successfully represented manufacturer of flea and tick treatment product for pets in failure to warn claim brought under Ohio law.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of water cooler manufacturer against manufacturing defect claim for property damage, which was affirmed on appeal.
- Obtained dismissal for heavy lifting equipment manufacturer from wrongful death lawsuit.
- Represented manufacturer of roadside safety devices against design defect claim in significant injury lawsuit.
- Assisted in representation of biomedical device manufacturer in wrongful death product liability suit.
- Assisted in representation of side-by-side and motorcycle manufacturers in all aspects of product liability litigation in various Ohio state courts.
- Represented manufacturer of roadside safety devices against design defect claim in significant injury lawsuit.

Employment Litigation

- Successfully defended and mediated significant employment discrimination and retaliation claims asserted by multiple employees against corporate and individual defendants.
- Successfully represented multiple large employers in claims alleging retaliation and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Mediated successful resolution to dispute involving scope of restrictive covenants between food product distribution companies.

Commercial

- Represented financial institution in multiple actions enforcing restrictive covenants against former employees.
- Represented tractor manufacturer in successful interlocutory appeal and settlement in breach of contract litigation involving dealership termination.
- Advises creditors regarding various avenues for collection and compliance with state and federal requirements and represents creditors in collection litigation.
- Assisted in obtaining dismissal of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims against individual client in dispute regarding financing of real estate venture.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Labor & Employment

- Employment litigation

Automotive & Mobility Emerging Technologies

- Litigation

Environmental

Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

Health Care

Cannabis

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

PRESENTATIONS

- “Wait . . . Am I an Employer? A Look at the Changing Rules Surrounding Independent Contractors and Joint Employers,” Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, June 4, 2024
- “How to Use Your Lawyers to Achieve Your Business Goals,” Porter Wright Annual Ethics & Trends in Litigation Seminar, Dec. 7, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- “It’s out of my hands ... or is it?,” *Rx - For The Defense*, Nov. 1, 2021
- “Product liability cases: Cannabis products,” *Thomson Reuters Cannabis Law*, April 2, 2020
- “The product liability statute of repose: Jurisdictional or affirmative defense?” *Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Quarterly Review*, Fall 2018
- “When is enough, enough? Liability for unidentified risks and unread warnings,” *Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Quarterly Review*, Spring 2016
- “Didn’t see that one coming: Foreseeability of product defects,” *Law360*, July 6, 2015
- “Proportionality returns to discovery,” *The Business Suit: The Newsletter of the Commercial Litigation Committee*, Defense Research Institute, June 5, 2015
- “Ohio and Twombly/Igball Plausible?” *Ohio Lawyer*, May/June 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute
- Ohio Women’s Bar Association

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch in America*®
- Outstanding Contribution - Amicus Curiae Brief, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, 2023
- Ohio Women’s Bar Foundation Leadership Institute, Class of 2019-2020
- International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, 2019

COMMUNITY

- Princeton Club of Central Ohio, Alumni Interviewer
- Pelotonia, Porter Wright Team Co-Chair