



Sara C. Schiavone

senior associate

Sara focuses her litigation practice primarily on tort litigation, with an emphasis on product liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. She also has experience with e-discovery matters and litigation involving construction defects, commercial disputes and real estate.

Sara's experience with tort matters spans state and federal court, including single-plaintiff actions and multidistrict litigation. She has defended clients in wrongful death matters stemming from negligence and product liability claims, and in negligence actions involving catastrophic injuries. Sara's product liability experience includes representing manufacturers and suppliers of prescription drugs, medical devices, consumer products, chemicals and component parts.

Sara also manages and defends all claims and litigation, including product liability matters, for a large international manufacturer of consumer products. In this role, Sara works closely with the business and operations divisions to provide businesses-minded advice and solutions on a variety of topics, including proactively minimizing litigation risks and quickly responding to issues that may arise to minimize exposure. She routinely advises the company on packaging, warranty, quality control, contract and subpoena matters.

Sara graduated in the top five of her law school class with a litigation concentration, pro bono honors, and 11 CALI Excellence for the Future Awards®. While in law school, Sara taught and mentored law school students as a teaching assistant for first-year legal research and writing. She also served as an associate notes editor on the *Capital University Law Review* and as a judicial extern to the Honorable Jeffrey S. Sutton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

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EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, J.D.,
summa cum laude, 2017

The Ohio State University, B.A.,
summa cum laude, 2014

SERVICES

Litigation

- Product liability
- Catastrophic injuries
- Commercial litigation
- Class actions, mass torts and MDLs
- E-Discovery
- Unmanned and autonomous systems

Health Care

- Litigation

Construction

Real Estate

- Appropriation and eminent domain

PRESENTATIONS

- “Plaintiff Didn’t Hire a Product Liability Expert – Now What?”
Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Seminar, Drug and Medical Device Subcommittee, June 26, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- “Important tips for protecting your clients’ interests – virtually,”
Defense Research Institute Raising the Bar, Nov. 20, 2020
- “Defending adequate warnings of recreational products: Effective use of the heeding presumption,” *Defense Research Institute*, February 2018
- “Wiping the slate clean: A proposal to expand Ohio’s expungement statutes to promote effective offender reintegration,” *Capital University Law Review*, 2017

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
 - Young Lawyers Steering Committee: Vice-Chair of Networking & Activities, 2024-2025; Co-Chair of Membership Engagement Subcommittee, 2022-2023; Co-Chair of Online Communities Subcommittee, 2021-2022; Co-Chair of Online Programing, 2020-2021; Co-Vice-Chair of Online Education, 2019-2020
 - Product Liability Steering Committee: Vice-Chair of Webcasts, 2024-2026; Chair of Welcoming Subcommittee, 2022-2023; Vice-Chair of Welcoming Subcommittee, 2021-2022; Chair of Online Communities, 2019-2021; Vice-Chair of Online Communities, 2018-2019

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®
- Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Legal Research, Writing I, Writing II, Torts I, Torts II, Contracts I, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, General Litigation Clinic, Mediation, Interviewing & Counseling, Divorce Mediation
- Brian A. Freeman Memorial Scholarship Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law

COMMUNITY

- Capital University Women Law Association, Mentor, 2017-present
- Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Volunteer, 2014-2020
- Columbus Bar Association, Barrister Leadership Program, Class of 2018

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Energy