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OVERVIEW

Stephanie Laws focuses her practice on product liability litigation defense, representing pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in complex product liability and consumer protection actions nationwide. Prior to joining Maslon, Stephanie worked at two large national law firms practicing product liability and employment litigation defense. She has completed multiple client secondments, providing valuable insights into client business needs.

Stephanie has substantial experience in all phases of pre-trial civil litigation, including successful early dismissal of claims based on federal preemption and other grounds, factual investigation and risk assessment, fact and expert discovery and depositions, dispositive motion practice, and settlement negotiations. She employs these skills in tandem with client business needs—effectively implementing early resolution strategies or vigorously defending against claims as required. Stephanie is also experienced with managing small and large-scale device testing.

Stephanie is a 2012 *cum laude* graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as an associate editor of the *Journal of Constitutional Law*. She earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Current counsel to leading medical device manufacturer in lawsuits involving both PMA and 510k medical devices in state and federal courts across the country.
- *Gordon R. Golden, et al. v. Medtronic, Inc., et al.*, No. 17-CV-30568 (Colo. Dist. Ct.). Authored motion to dismiss and supporting briefing that resulted in dismissal of lawsuit, including negligence, breach of warranty, and strict liability claims, based on express preemption grounds, among others—a case of first impression in Colorado state court.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- American Bar Association

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Tort & Product Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School
J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

University of Wisconsin, Madison
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007
English

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
- ABA Death Penalty Representation Project: Pro Bono Volunteer Attorney
- Defended local food bank against multiple employment-related claims brought by former employee.
- Community Legal Services of Philadelphia: past Volunteer. Assisted low-income Philadelphia residents with applications for federal disability benefits.

SELECTED HONORS

- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2018-2019 (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota® list**, 2019 (*The annual edition of the Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota list features attorneys who received the highest point totals in the previous year's Minnesota Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars balloting, research, and blue ribbon review process.*)
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2017 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "When Are Communications with Experts Exempt from Discovery?" Pressure on the Privilege, Minnesota CLE, 2019
- "Surviving the Waves: Implied, Express, and Subject Matter Waivers of Attorney-Client Privilege," 2017