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OVERVIEW

Katie Maechler focuses her practice on product liability defense litigation and has successfully represented clients of varying sizes across a range of product industries in federal and state courts throughout the country.

Katie has particular expertise defending manufacturers' products in claims centered on device safety notifications and recalls. She has extensive experience managing the fact and expert discovery phases of litigation, taking and defending depositions of fact witnesses, healthcare providers, 30(b)(6) representatives, and experts, and has worked closely with technical, medical, and human factors experts. Katie takes a strategic approach to her matters, and she works to negotiate early, reasonable settlement offers when possible and to aggressively defend each action when not.

In addition to her product liability work, Katie has experience representing manufacturers navigating coverage disputes with their insurers, helping clients faced with potentially catastrophic losses due to mass tort and product liability claims secure the benefits afforded by their insurance policies.

At Maslon, Katie co-chairs the Litigation Group and Tort & Product Liability Group, and is a member of the firm's recruiting committee. Prior to joining Maslon in 2012, Katie worked at a private law firm in Texas where she represented clients in a variety of complex litigation matters, including business torts and breach of contract disputes. Katie received her law degree, with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas, and her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Represents Fortune 100 company pursuing insurance coverage for mass tort/product liability claims relating to PFAS products.
- Served on team that successfully defended Polaroid against a $300 million breach of contract dispute brought by one of its

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Insurance Recovery
- Tort & Product Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota, 2010

Texas, 2005

U.S. District Court
- Minnesota, 2012
- Texas, E.D., 2005
- Texas, N.D., 2005
- Texas, S.D., 2005
- Texas, W.D., 2005

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law
J.D., *with honors*, 2005

Trinity University
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002

former licensees, C&A Marketing, winning a complete defense verdict after a two-week jury trial in Hennepin County.
- National counsel for manufacturer of insulin pump and related equipment, including claims management, device testing, recall counseling, and litigation strategy.
- Defense of world-leading medical device company in nationwide litigation involving PMA and 510k devices.
- Defense of distributor of oil drain that allegedly burned down mechanic's shop, obtaining favorable early resolution and complete insurance coverage.
- *Elizabeth Brunstad, et al. v. Medtronic, Inc., et al.*, 314-CV-00255 (W.D. Wisc.). Authored Rule 12(c) motion for judgment on the pleadings and supporting brief that resulted in early dismissal of plaintiffs' consumer protection claims arising under California and Wisconsin state statutes.
- *In re American Medical Systems, Inc.*, CV-11-3933 (Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota). Defended thousands of consolidated state court actions alleging multiple tort theories against American Medical Systems related to female mesh products.
- *Select Comfort Corporation v. The Sleep Better Store. LLC*, No. 0:11-cv-00621-JNE-JSM (D. Minn.). Represented defendant in a trademark infringement/false advertising action involving specialty retail mattresses.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Product Liability Advisory Council: Sustaining Member, 2026-Present
- International Association of Defense Counsel: Product Liability Roundtable Planning Committee 2025
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers

SELECTED HONORS

- **Ranked Band 1 in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business***, Product Liability Litigation, Minnesota, 2026
- **Top Women in Law**, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2025 (*Minnesota Lawyer's Top Women in Law class celebrates the outstanding achievements of women in the legal community in Minnesota.)*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "The 'Black Box' of AI: No Longer a Legal Shield for Product Manufacturers," moderator, Product Liability Roundtable, International Association of Drilling Contractors, 2026
- "The CPSC Compliance Playbook: Requirements and Best Practices that Every Manufacturer Should Know," ACC MN Second Annual Manufacturing Summit Sponsored by Maslon, 2025
- "Fall Back/Spring Ahead: A Review of the Most Pivotal Product Liability Decisions in the Last Year and a Preview of Issues and Cases to Watch," panelist, Product Liability Roundtable, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2025
- "Beyond Playing Nice in the Sandbox: Effectively Defending Mass Torts in a Virtual Law Team," co-presenter, International Association of Defense Counsel Midyear Meeting, 2025
- "Questions Every Manufacturer Should Ask to Minimize Future Product Liability Risk," moderator, ACC MN Manufacturing Summit, 2024
- ACC MN Manufacturing Summit Sponsored by Maslon LLP
- "Write Smart: Coaching Employees on How to Avoid Creating the Internal Document from Hell," co-presenter, ACC Minnesota, 2023
- "How NOT to Waive Attorney-Client Privilege," Women Presidents' Organization, 2019
- "Ethics and Social Media – Is It Truly Old Wine, New Bottle?," panel member, Products Liability SuperCourse, ACC Minnesota and The Network of Trial Law Firms, 2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- "Ten Steps to Avoid Creating the Internal Document from Hell," co-author, Association of Corporate Counsel, 2023
- "Snap Removal: Key Practical Considerations," Product Liability Litigation newsletter, American Bar Association, 2023
- "Why These Minnesota Diehards Are Rooting for Wisconsin: Rennick and the Learned Intermediary Doctrine," *Drug & Device Law* blog, 2021
- "Manufacturers Face Evolving COVID-19 Legal Challenges," Law360, 2021
- "Company's Web Site May Subject it to a Lawsuit in Another Forum," co-author, *Houston Business Journal*, Winter 2007
- "When Tenants Sell Luxe Knock-offs, Landlords May Pay the Price," co-author, *Houston Business Journal*, Fall 2006