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OVERVIEW

For more than a decade, Jessica has represented clients in a wide range of product liability, toxic tort and premises claims.

Jessica defends clients in some of the most difficult local jurisdictions including St. Louis City, Madison County, St. Clair County and McLean County, Illinois. She has argued motions in every asbestos docket in Missouri and Illinois and in the Fifth District Appellate Court of Illinois. Clients from a broad range of sectors rely on her customized counsel, including:

- Automotive
- Aviation
- Railroad

She has defended complex toxic tort claims (asbestos, silica and environmental tobacco smoke) including Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) matters – conducting extensive discovery, drafting pleadings and serving on trial and appellate teams.

Jessica serves as co-chair of HB ADAPTS, the firm's Disabilities Employee Resource Group.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

Experience

- Second chaired three-week asbestos trial in Madison County, Illinois. Sole defendant at trial manufactured amphibole-containing pipe. Case settled prior to verdict.
- Second chaired asbestos trial in Madison County, Illinois. Plaintiff alleged take-home exposures to defendant's coatings and chemical pipe. Case was settled during voir dire.
- Defended fuse manufacturer during three-week trial in St. Louis City. Plaintiffs alleged exposure to asbestos, silica and second-hand smoke. Defense verdict was reached on all counts.
- Served on appellate team defending railroad against Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) claim, resulting in favorable forum non conveniens law in Illinois.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2025

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - *UMKC Law Review*, Literary Editor
 - Harry S. Truman Leadership Award
 - CALI Award, Civil Procedure
- B.A., University of Missouri
 - Political Science

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Community Leadership

- Eye Thrive
- North Glendale Elementary School, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Girl Scouts

*Contact Jessica to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the St. Louis office.



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