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OVERVIEW

With a focus on the state of Louisiana, Chelsea represents clients in asbestos matters. She practices from New Orleans as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Chelsea began her legal career at a toxic tort-focused firm in New Orleans, a city with a high volume of asbestos exposure cases. In addition to traditional asbestos litigation dealing with historic exposures, she also represented clients in class action lawsuits stemming from recent, alleged toxic emissions from Louisiana facilities. These matters involved thousands of plaintiffs and spanned multiple years. Moreover, she has been involved in litigation related to exposures to benzene and other chemicals. This work has led to her extensive involvement in case progression and defense strategy development, including preparation for major hearings and trials.

Today, Chelsea focuses her practice on Louisiana asbestos litigation, defending manufacturers and other clients in historic exposure cases. As a former journalist, she excels at investigative work, thereby contributing to the formation of case-specific discovery objectives. Further, the communication skills she honed in her prior career make her well suited to engaging in productive conversations with opposing counsel and extracting relevant and valuable information during depositions.

In 2024, Chelsea joined Husch Blackwell to help grow the firm's Louisiana toxic tort practice. With a reputation for her thoroughness in both client communication and case organization, Chelsea aims to develop a framework for each case that fits the

Industries

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Toxic Tort

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client's needs. She always operates with the client's business as her top priority, and she remains conscious of the impact of current choices on the client's future prosperity.

Experience

- Represented Fortune 500 manufacturer in class action spanning over five years in which several thousand plaintiffs alleged personal injury and property damage due to an accidental release of a papermaking byproduct.
- Represented Fortune 100 oil company in dozens of asbestos-related cases from matter intake to resolution.
- Represented Fortune 100 oil company in class action involving allegations of personal injury and property damage due to a refinery fire and chemical release.
- Represented Fortune 100 oil company in relation to development of company's benzene exposure defense.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, 2022-2025
 - Litigation Environmental
 - o Litigation Labor and Employment
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Defendants
 - o Personal Injury Litigation Defendants

Education

- J.D., Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
 - o cum laude
 - o Law Review
- B.A., Louisiana State University
 - o magna cum laude

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Admissions

- Louisiana
- · U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Chelsea is associated with the Houston office for telephone and mail purposes only. She is not admitted to practice in Texas.

Community Leadership

- Loyola University New Orleans Alumni Board Member, 2021-2023
- Young Leadership Council volunteer, 2018-2022
- Louisiana Appleseed volunteer, 2017-2020



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^{*}Chelsea works remotely and is licensed in Louisiana, practicing in New Orleans, LA. Contact Chelsea via email or telephone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use our Houston office address for mail/deliveries only.