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Born, Hinsdale, Illinois. B.A., University of Arkansas, 1979; M.A., with Honors, University of Arkansas, 1980; J.D., with Honors, University of Arkansas, 1988. Admitted to the Bar of Illinois, 1988; the United States District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, 1988, 1997; the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin and the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1995; and the Northern District of Indiana, 2001.

**Practice Areas:**

- ▶ Toxic Tort
- ▶ National Coordination of Mass Litigation
- ▶ Premises Liability
- ▶ Product Liability, including medical devices
- ▶ Complex claims, including asbestos, latex, benzene, lead, and mold
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Appeals

**Professional Membership and Activities:**

- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ Chicago Bar Association: Nominating Committee, 1996
- ▶ Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel: Director, 2007- present; Diversity in Participation Committee Co-Chair, 2001-2007
- ▶ Defense Research Institute
- ▶ National Association of Women Lawyers: Treasurer, 2005-2008
- ▶ National Association of Women Lawyers Foundation: Founding Member and Treasurer, 2008
- ▶ Women's Bar Association of Illinois: President, 1995-1996
- ▶ WILPOWER, political action committee of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois: Board of Directors, 1999-2002
- ▶ Appointed Member, Docket Management Committee of Marion Superior Two, Asbestos Litigation, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001-present
- ▶ Appointed Member, United States District Court Magistrate Merit Selection Panel, 1996-1997

**Publications:**

Co-author, *Warning, Warning: Warnings Required Under Illinois Products Liability Law*, IDC Quarterly, 16:4, December, 2006.

Co-author, *Defending Product Liability Cases in Illinois After the Best Decision*, IDC Quarterly, Vol. 8, No. 4, December, 1998.

Co-author, *An Island of Repose Amid the Swirling Sea of Asbestos Litigation*, IDC Quarterly, 2001.

Columnist on Diversity, IDC Quarterly, 2006, 2007, 2008

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### **Community Activities:**

- ▶ Cooperative Image Group, an organization creating public arts programs for and with youth in Chicago communities in need
- ▶ Lincoln Park Community Shelter
- ▶ New Eastside Association of Residents

### **Other**

- ▶ Selected by her peers as Illinois Super Lawyer
- ▶ National Registry of Who's Who
- ▶ Extern, United States Attorney, Organized Crime Strike Force
- ▶ Law Review - University of Arkansas
- ▶ American Jurisprudence Awards at DePaul University School of Law
- ▶ Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
- ▶ Volunteer Judge for Moot Court Competitions/Trial and Appellate Advocacy, American Bar Association, Northwestern and Loyola University Schools of Law, and John Marshall Law School