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One of the Nation's Leading Mass Torts Litigators

A partner in our New York office, Wendy R. Fleishman is a passionate and experienced lawyer for the injured and the loved ones of those who died due to the wrongful misconduct of others. With more than thirty years of courtroom experience to draw upon, a large part of Wendy's practice today consists of representing patients prescribed drugs with undisclosed and dangerous side effects or who received defective medical devices.

Wendy has served in leadership roles in significant Multidistrict Litigation cases in federal and state courts involving pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, and personal health products, including a 2019 appointment by the district court judge as Co-Lead Counsel in the NFL Concussion Injuries litigation and a recent appointment to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the IVC Filter Injuries Litigation. Wendy's leadership roles in other cases include the Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG-II hip implant litigation, Zimmer Durom Cup Hip Implant Litigation, Yaz and Yasmin litigation, DePuy hip implant litigation, Medtronic Sprint Fidelis heart lead, the Guidant cardiac defibrillator, the Ortho Evra Patch litigation, and contaminated contact lens solution litigation against Bausch & Lomb and Abbott Medical Optics. Wendy devotes a part of her practice to a wide range of individual catastrophic injury cases. Her expertise includes vehicle accidents based on design defects, as well as serious and complicated medical malpractice cases.

Since 2006, Wendy has been named a New York Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine. She is an AV+ rated by Martindale-Hubbell, which indicates she is regarded as preeminently qualified by her peers. She has been named in the

top 100 trial lawyers in America. Wendy is an officer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. She is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the New York State Delegate to the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice, and past President of the American Association for Justice's Section on Tort, Environmental and Product Liability Litigation.

Areas of Practice

Personal Injury, Defective Products, False Claims Act

Education

Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
J.D. - 1977

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Med - 1982

Sarah Lawrence College, Yonkers, New York
B.A. - 1974

Bar Admissions

New York, 1992

Pennsylvania, 1977

U.S. Supreme Court, 2000

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, 1995

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 2014

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, 2009

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1999

Colorado District Court

Missouri Eastern District Court

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1999

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York, 1999

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 1995

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, 2012

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1984

U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2001

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2013

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Association for Justice, Board of Governors

American Association for Justice, Board of Governors, Women Trial Lawyer's Caucus

American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

American Bar Association, Vice-Chair, Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Bioscience General Committee, 2019 - Present

American Bar Association, Class Actions & Derivative Suits Committee-Pharmaceutical & Health Subcommittee 2010; Annual Meeting, Torts & Insurance Practices Section, NYC, Affair Chair, 1997;

Trial Techniques Committee, Torts and Insurance Practices, Chair-Elect, 1996
American Institute of Legal Advocates, Elite Advocate, 2019
Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Product Liability Committee, 2007 - Present;
Judiciary Committee, 2004 - Present
Board of Advisors for Hofstra Law School's Mass Tort Institute
Federal Bar Association
Fight for Justice Campaign
Gender and Race Bias Task Force of the Second Circuit, 1994 - Present
New York County Lawyer's Association
New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Secretary, 2013 - 2015; Treasurer, 2012 - 2013; Board of Directors, 2004 - 2015
New York State Bar Association
New York Women's Bar Association
PATLA
Pennsylvania Association for Justice, Committee on Legal Ethics and Professionalism, 1993 - Present; Committee on Attorney Advertising, 1993 - Present; Vice-Chair, Task Force on Attorney Advertising, 1991 - 1992
Philadelphia Bar Association, Member of Committee on Professionalism, 1991 - 1992

Published Works & Appearances

Panelist, "NEC Infant Formula Case," Mass Torts Made Perfect (MTMP) Seminar," April 2025
Speaker, "Depo Provera: The JPML Landscape — Parties, Authorized Generic Liability, Design Defect Epidemiology, History of the Drug and Case Criteria," HarrisMartin MDL Conference: Depo-Provera and Current MDL Cases, January 2025
Panelist, "Branding Yourself as The Super Hero You Are," Class of Our Own: Litigating Women's Summit, May 2023
Moderator, "Jurisdiction: Defining State Courts' Authority," Pound Civil Justice Institute Judges Forum, Boston, MA, July 2017
Speaker, "Diversity in Mass Torts," AAJ Education Programs, Boston, MA, July 2017
Speaker, "Mass Torts & Criminality," JAMS Mass Torts Judicial Forum, New York, NY, April 2017
Speaker, "Settling Strategies for MDLs," JAMS Mass Torts Judicial Forum, New York, NY, April 2016
Moderator & Chair, "Toxic, Environmental & Pharmaceutical Torts," American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, July 2014
"Where Do You Want To Be? Don't Get Left Behind, Creating a Vision for Your Practice," Minority Caucus and Women Trial Lawyers Caucus, July 22, 2013
"Ethics of Fee Agreements in Mass Torts," AAJ Education Programs, July 2009
"How to Find, Understand, and Litigate Mass Torts," NYSTLA Mass Torts Seminar, April 2009
Co-Author with Donald Arbitblit, "The Risky Business of Off-Label Use," Trial Magazine, March 2005
Co-Author, "From the Defense Perspective," Scientific Evidence, Chapter 6, Aspen Law Pub, 1999
Editor, Trial Techniques Newsletter, Tort and Insurance Practices Section, American Bar Association, 1993 - 1994, 1995 - 1996
Editor and Co-Author with James J. Brown, "Proving and Defending Damage Claims: A Fifty-State Guide"

Honors and Awards

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation

AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in fields of Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs and Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, 2019-2025

“Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in America,” Lawdragon, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025

“Litigator of the Year for Personal Injury Law,” American Institute of Trial Lawyers, 2024

“Super Lawyer for New York Metro,” Super Lawyers, 2006-2024

“Lawyer of the Year for Mass Tort & Class Action Litigation,” New York City, Best Lawyers, 2023

“Top 10 Attorneys in New York,” Attorney & Practice Magazine, 2021

“Top 25 National Women Trial Lawyers in NY,” The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2021

“Top 100 Trial Lawyers,” The National Trial Lawyers Association

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of “Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions – Plaintiffs,” 2019-2022

“Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America,” Lawdragon, 2020, 2021

American Association for Justice, Board of Governors Outstanding Achievement Award, 2019

“10 Best Personal Injury Attorneys in New York,” American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys, 2019

“New York Litigation Star,” Benchmark Litigation, 2013-2016

Legal 500 recommended lawyer, 2013

“Lawdragon Finalist,” Lawdragon, 2009