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MY SERVICES

Maritime
Manufacturing
Mass Tort Litigation
Product Liability
Railroad
Transportation
Asbestos

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2009
Southern Illinois University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2002

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
Missouri
U.S. District Court Central District Illinois
U.S. District Court Southern District Illinois
U.S. District Court Eastern District Missouri
U.S. District Court Western District Missouri

I help companies facing litigation in high-risk cases, including those related to personal injury, products liability, toxic torts, and transportation.

overview

Misty Edwards is a trial lawyer representing companies in high-risk cases across the Midwest. Her litigation practice emphasis products liability, toxic torts, maritime, trucking and railroad litigation.

Misty is perhaps best known as an advocate for major railroads in FELA cases and other personal injury actions involving major trauma or fatalities at grade crossings. She helped multiple railroad trials in St. Clair County achieve defense verdicts. Misty also plays a key role in drafting and researching strategic summary judgments, many of which lead to claim dismissals.

In addition to her busy trial practice, Misty is national counsel for private equity firm American Industrial Partners' two printing press portfolio companies. Because of her outstanding work for this client, she is recognized for helping secure 24 case dismissals and a favorable resolution on the largest of the 30+ cases for the equity firm.

Misty's experience also includes representing manufacturing, shipping, and tobacco companies in class actions, general commercial litigation, personal injury and toxic tort actions, including those alleging asbestos exposure. Misty also handles administrative actions before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

affiliations

Professional

- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- National Association of Women Lawyers

- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Defense Research Institute

Community

- DRI Foundation/DRI Cares
- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis

recognitions

- Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2020

publications

- "Does What Happens on Facebook Stay on Facebook?: Discovery, Admissibility, Ethics and Social Media"
Illinois Bar Journal, July 2010
- "In Re Marriage of Matchen, 866 N.E. 2d 683 (Ill App. Ct. 2007): Illinois Removal Standards Do Not Match Up With the Current National Trend"
SIU Law Journal, Winter 2009

in my free time

I have three kids. My sons play hockey, and my daughter plays softball and hockey. I spend most of my free time in the spring and summer sweating at the ball fields. In the fall and winter, you will find me freezing in ice rinks all over the Metro East.