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OVERVIEW

Your product = Your reputation. Your company. Your future. Magda—practicing from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as a member of our virtual office, The Link—defends them all.

Magda has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation, employment litigation, and product liability defense. Half of her practice is devoted to the representation of employers and staffing agencies in personal injury, discrimination, and indemnification matters. The other half concentrates on defending service providers, franchisors, dealers, and product manufacturers in personal and premises liability cases. Magda also served as national coordinating counsel in widespread talc litigation which has been successfully resolved, and on national coordinating teams in herbicide, benzene, and medical device multi-district litigation and class action. Magda routinely appears in state and federal courts across Pennsylvania and leads judicial connection events between attorneys and the federal bench for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Magda also publishes and counsels clients on compliance with the Modernization of Cosmetics Regulation Act of 2022 (MoCRA) and a wide range of issues related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Magda draws on her diverse litigation experience to guide clients to a successful and efficient resolution. Coming from a family of business owners, ranging from a medical practice to an international oil shipping company, she knows what it takes to build a successful business and she works tirelessly to defend clients' products, reputation, and

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Toxic Tort

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future. Magda engages in-house teams, engineers, physicians, and experts to deploy multi-layered defenses with an acute appreciation of the impact of litigation on clients' daily and long-term operations. Clients appreciate Magda's focused approach and commitment to defending not just the case, but the company, its reputation, and its future.

Experience

- Manages talc litigation as part of the national coordinating counsel team for a product manufacturer.
- Manages Pennsylvania-based herbicide litigation for a national manufacturer.
- Defends suppliers of benzene-containing products in litigation pending in Pennsylvania.
- Successfully defends manufacturers of engines and motors in fire, explosion and personal injury litigation.
- Represented Pennsylvania healthcare and health insurance system in provider dispute.
- Defended a medical device manufacturer in class-action litigation before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and multi-district litigation pending in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against a benzene supplier for lack of personal jurisdiction in Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against a medical device manufacturer for lack of personal jurisdiction in numerous cases in federal and state court.
- Obtained dismissal of petition to intervene on behalf of university regarding environmental contamination dispute.
- Represented defendant in multimillion-dollar breach of contract litigation involving breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented small business owners in disputes involving enforcement of operating agreements, misappropriation of intellectual property, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract.

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Experience

- Assisted business owners in drafting of operating and shareholder agreements, employment agreements, non-competition agreements and leases.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
  - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2023-2025
- JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards, Top Author, Product Liability, 2023 and 2024
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
  - Rising Star, Litigation, 2020-2024

Education

- J.D., Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson Law
  - Valedictorian
  - *Penn State Dickinson Law Review*, Executive Comments Editor
  - Woolsack Honor Society
  - CALI Awards for Excellence in majority of classes
- B.A., Juniata College
  - Valedictorian
  - Economics

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Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Magda is associated with the Washington, DC office for telephone and mail purposes only. She is not admitted to practice in District of Columbia.

Community Leadership

Magda grew up in Poland and came to the United States to pursue her education as a high school exchange student. When she became a U.S. citizen in 2015, Magda was a guest speaker at a naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. Organized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the event hosted federal judges, U.S. veterans, newly sworn-in U.S. citizens and their families.

Magda is also a co-chair of the Membership Committee of the Federal Bar Association Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter, a president of the Parent Teacher Organization at her local school district, and a Board Member of the East Pennsboro Education Foundation.

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