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OVERVIEW

A staunch advocate at trial or in settlement negotiations, Alix defends clients in asbestos litigation.

Alix is extensively experienced with all phases of asbestos litigation, from inception through resolution, including pleadings, deposition, discovery, investigations, and drafting and arguing motions, including appellate motions and briefs. She provides both nationwide and local defense for major clients and is known for devising novel legal theories and strategies to remove clients from cases.

While she has focused on toxic tort in recent years, Alix's broad background litigating securities, contract, labor and employment, intellectual property, and pharmaceutical product liability matters has made her extensively familiar with procedure and strategy. Alix also draws on her time representing plaintiffs in medical device product liability cases at a previous firm. The experience helps her understand opposing counsel's goals, plans and strategies, often leading to faster resolutions in the cases she defends today.

Alix is particularly passionate about the intensive research required in the asbestos field and loves to be the one to find the argument that will win a case. She also appreciates that toxic tort cases usually allow her to fully get to know clients, learning about their products and business structure. Alix aims for clients to view her as a true part of their company.

Industries

Technology
Manufacturing
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Toxic Tort

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Experience

- Handled local defense litigation for prominent companies in toxic tort matters, including but not limited to drafting and responding to pleadings, deposing fact and expert witnesses, preparing and responding to discovery requests, coordinating investigations of allegations, drafting and arguing dispositive and discovery motions, drafting appellate motions and briefs, preparing mediation statements, preparing pre-trial motions, and trial assistance.
- Drafted several successful motions for summary judgment in New York and New Jersey leading to dismissal of asbestos defendants based upon lack of causation.
- Devised and enacted novel litigation strategies for defending toxic tort cases in state and federal courts.
- Oversaw a wide variety of pharmaceutical and mass tort actions, including Actos and Pelvic Mesh, on behalf of plaintiffs.
- Performed internal investigations for diverse set of clients including an international publicly traded technology company, investment advisers, and fund managers in connection with ongoing FINRA, SEC and DOJ regulatory and criminal investigations.
- Collaborated in all stages of complex federal class action securities litigation from initial client investigation through settlement and fund distribution.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants, 2022-2024; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2021, 2023 and 2024; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2023 and 2024

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Education

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law
    - *Fordham International Law Journal*, Staff Member
- B.A., The College of New Jersey

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Not admitted to practice in District of Columbia

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