



## Angela W. Russell

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Angela Russell sits on the firm's Executive Committee and serves as the regional managing partner of the Baltimore office and chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. She has significant trial experience and has tried cases in the District of Columbia and across the state of Maryland. Her practice encompasses the defense of professional liability matters, including medical malpractice and legal malpractice actions in addition to claims against agents, brokers and other professionals. Angela regularly handles and supervises general casualty matters for insurers and self-insured entities on premises liability claims, security matters, hospitality – a specialty that has gained significant attention due to the rise in human trafficking cases – and recreational defense claims. Angela also is frequently called on to handle toxic tort matters.

Angela possesses an innate ability to connect with her clients, identify their needs and communicate effectively throughout the litigation cycle. Her rapport in the courtroom is equally impressive. An aggressive litigator, Angela is adept at tapping the persistence, preparation and training she gained early on in a variety of public speaking engagements and tackling two marathons. Angela worked at prominent defense firms in Minnesota and Washington, DC, prior to joining Wilson Elser.

### Professional Distinctions

Angela is the former cochair of the Civil Jury Instructions Committee for the Bar Association for the District of Columbia as well as a former adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### Medical Malpractice

Angela's practice includes the defense of medical malpractice actions on behalf of insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and individual physicians. In addition, she has handled health care matters unrelated to litigation. She has also been a

### Services

- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- Hospitality
- Lawyers' Liability
- Toxic Tort
- Asbestos & Talc
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Design Professionals
- National Trial Team
- Long-Term Care

speaker at several seminars on medical malpractice and other areas of insurance defense.

### **Casualty**

Angela's practice includes claims involving issues of premises liability, trucking and automobile liability, many of which involve catastrophic personal injuries and property damage. She has successfully tried cases involving general liability claims throughout Maryland and in the District of Columbia.

### **Hospitality & Restaurants**

Angela regularly defends claims and offers advice to hotels, resorts, restaurants, outdoor recreational companies, condominiums and other hospitality-related developers and retailers. She defends such entities on a wide variety of legal issues, including instances of human trafficking on premises.

### **Recreational Defense**

Angela has represented major league sports organizations and large entertainment arenas in connection with issues of crowd control, injuries to patrons and security matters at public venues. Angela also has handled cases involving injuries to children at amusement parks and at swimming pools.

### **Professional Liability/E&O**

Angela handles professional liability cases involving lawyers on a broad spectrum of underlying matters and areas of practice that often lead to malpractice claims. She also defends insurance agencies and agents in connection with claims brought by insureds regarding coverage and payment issues. Angela has also worked with accountants, engineers, land surveyors and design professionals in the defense of liability claims.

### **Toxic Tort**

In the area of toxic torts, Angela has experience with handling a variety of environmental claims, including lead paint, carbon monoxide and asbestos.

### **Education**

- University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law (J.D., 1988)
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges (B.A., 1985)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Washington Bar Association
- Maryland Defense Counsel
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Monumental City Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar, Tort Law Steering Committee, Community Outreach Subcommittee Chair
- Appointed to Maryland Judicial Nominating Commission, 2016
- Greater Baltimore Committee, 2013 Leadership Class
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Diversity and Professional Liability Committees
- Diversity Partner's Network for Baltimore, Steering Committee
- Board of Directors, Community Law in Action
- American Bar Association, fellow

### **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025
- *The Daily Record*, 2025 Maryland's Top 100 Women
- Selected for inclusion in *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2015-2024
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*™ in the area of Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2018-2021; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2020-2023
- *Savoy Magazine*, Most Influential Black Lawyers, 2015, 2018
- Legal Leaders, 2015 Women Leaders in the Law
- Selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2015