



Marcella S. Spoto

Partner

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Marcella Spoto is a litigator with more than 20 years of experience representing parties in complex litigation. The breadth of her experience includes cases involving personal injury, product liability, medical malpractice, wrongful death, professional liability, automobile/trucking negligence, nursing home abuse and neglect, premises liability, mass property damage, environmental/toxic tort and class actions. She has represented dozens of large national corporations and insurers.

Marcella's diverse experience includes state and federal trials, to both courts and juries, state and multidistrict class actions, and appellate practice. She has routinely taken on the role of lead counsel for litigated and trial matters. Marcella's practice is national and she has been admitted in many courts across the country.

Product Liability

Marcella has extensive experience defending product liability suits related to industrial equipment, consumer products, household appliances, chemicals and manufacturing components. These matters have included claims for wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury, commercial and property losses.

Medical Malpractice & Long-Term Care

Marcella has litigated medical claims related to losses in long-term care facilities as well as many health care providers including traditional, emergency and alternative care providers. These matters have included wrongful death and other significant personal injury claims.

Professional Liability

Marcella also has represented many non-medical professionals in professional liability and malpractice claims. She is active in professional liability groups.

Services

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Toxic Tort
- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- Class Action
- e-Discovery
- Long-Term Care
- Environmental
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Transportation
- Hospitality
- Appellate
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation

Premises & Construction

Marcella also defends companies in relation to premises liability, construction defects, work accidents or personal injury on worksites, including allegations of defective work and contractual breach related to contractors, premises owners and retailers. Marcella has handled cases involving complicated HVAC systems, mass property damage, catastrophic personal injury, water and fire property damage, product failure, and related building and design defects.

- Commercial Litigation

- France

- Italy

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 2001)
- University of Wisconsin–Whitewater (B.B.A., 1996)
 - cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Wisconsin Defense Counsel
- Association of Women Lawyers
- Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance
- Professional Liability Defense Federation (PLDF)
- Justinian Society
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)

Awards & Honors

- AVVO® Rated 10 Superb™

Languages

- Italian
- French
- Spanish
- German

Representative Matters

Represented large appliance manufacturers in fire claims in multiple jurisdictions leading to successes on motions and with experts.

Handled flooding and water damage claims due to HVAC components, municipal infrastructure and household appliances with cases favorably resolved pre and post suit.

Class action and professional liability defense related to creditor actions prevailing on dismissal and on appeal.

Defended premises claims related to accidents at large, national retailers with routine resolution in early mediation or summary judgment.

Lead counsel for general and auto insurers in claims directed at businesses and individuals leading to resolution, dismissal and favorable verdicts at trial.