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Overview

Diandra “Fu” Debrosse is Managing Partner of DiCello Levitt’s Birmingham office and Co-Chair of the firm’s Mass Tort division. Fu is also a member of the firm’s Public Client, Environmental, Personal Injury, Civil Rights, and Trial practice groups. Widely known for her relentless client advocacy, Fu represents individuals and public entities injured by wrongful conduct, whether from defective medical devices or drugs, environmental contamination, corporate misconduct, or civil rights abuse. Nationally recognized as a powerhouse in mass torts, class actions, products liability, discrimination, and sexual assault claims, Fu has secured hundreds of millions of dollars in client damages.

Fu holds prominent leadership positions for several multidistrict litigations, including Co-Lead Counsel of *In re: Abbott Laboratories, et al., Preterm Infant Nutrition Products Liability Litigation*; Co-Lead Counsel of *In re: Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*; Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee for *In re: Paraquat Products Liability Litigation*; Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/ Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*; Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for *In re: Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing Hip Implant Liability Litigation*. She also represents municipalities in both *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation* and *In re: McKinsey & Company Inc., National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation*, and is counsel in *In re: Proton Pump Inhibitor Litigation*. Fu formerly held a seat on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for *In re: Higher One Account Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* and has represented plaintiffs in many other MDLs. Fu also leads many systematic civil rights and sexual assault cases and represents states and municipalities in litigation.

The National Law Journal has named Fu to its Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar list for 2023. In 2022 and 2023, *Lawdragon* recognized Fu as one of the 500 Leading Consumer Lawyers. *Chambers USA* 2022 ranked the firm’s Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs team among the top five in

Alabama. The *Birmingham Business Journal* honored Fu with a Best of the Bar Award and Who's Who in the Law recognitions in 2021 and 2022. In 2024, *Forbes* recognized Fu as one of America's Top 200 Lawyers in their inaugural list.

Fu is a founding member of Shades of Mass, an organization dedicated to encouraging the appointment of black and brown attorneys in national mass tort actions. She is a board member of Public Justice, the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, and a member of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. Fu previously served as a hearing officer for the Alabama State Bar, held leadership roles in the American Association for Justice and the Alabama Access to Justice Commission, and acted as Alabama State Bar vice president and commissioner.

Fu is fluent in French and Haitian Creole and functional in Spanish. Her steadfast pursuit of justice is motivated in large part by her experience as a mother of two young girls.

Practice Areas

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

MASS TORT LITIGATION

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION

PERSONAL INJURY

PUBLIC CLIENT

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Education

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.

City College of the City University of New York, B.A., *summa cum laude*

Representative Matters

In re: Abbott Laboratories, et al., Preterm Infant Nutrition Products Liability Litigation (MDL No. 3026), Co-Lead Counsel

In re Paraquat Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 3004 (S.D. Ill.), Plaintiffs' Executive Committee

In re Higher One Account Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, MDL No. 2407 (D. Conn), served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee

In re Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2775, (D. Md.) Plaintiffs' Steering Committee

CPC Reference Labs., Inc. v. Lab. Corp. of Am., No. 3:07CV65, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57019 (N.D. Miss. July 6, 2009), Lead Counsel

Family Medicine Pharmacy LLC v. Impax Laboratories, Inc., Case No. 1:17-cv-00053 (SD AL), Lead Counsel

Louis v. Victory Police Motorcycles, LLC, No. 2:16-CV-1019-VEH, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 108842 (N.D. Ala. Aug. 17, 2016), Lead Counsel

Hill v. Hill Bros. Constr. Co., No. 3:14CV213-SA-SAA, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 101046 (N.D. Miss. Aug. 2, 2016), Lead Counsel

Kilgore v. Cobra Enterprises of Utah, Circuit Court of Lee County, Alabama, 43-CV-2010-900483.00, Lead Counsel

Awards & Honors

Alabama Litigation Star – Commercial, Product Liability, **Benchmark Litigation** (2024)

500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, **Lawdragon** (2022-2024)

Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs – Alabama, **Chambers USA** (2023)

Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar, **The National Law Journal** (2023)

Black Leadership Award, **Profiles in Diversity Journal**® (2022)

Litigation Trailblazer, **The National Law Journal** (2022)

Best of the Bar Award, **Birmingham Business Journal** (2022)

Women to Watch, **Birmingham Business Journal** (2021)

Who's Who in Law, **Birmingham Business Journal** (2021)

President's Award, **Alabama State Bar** (2021)

Board of Bar Commissioners Award, **Alabama State Bar** (2021)

Top 40 Under 40, **National Trial Lawyers**

State of Alabama, Top 40 Under 40, **National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys**

America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators

Mid-South Super Lawyers, (*Super Lawyer* 2018, 2021 / *Rising Star* 2015-2017)

"AV" Rated, ***Martindale-Hubbell***

Publications & Presentations

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Progress and Frustrations in Mass Torts, Complex Litigation Ethics Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 27, 2023

Fighting the Assault on the Civil System, Arizona Association for Justice Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, October 12, 2023

Infant Formula NEC Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect Fall Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, October 12, 2023

Chemical Hair Relaxer Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect Fall Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, October 11, 2023

The Path to MDL Leadership: A Primer, Shades of Mass 2023 Conference, Miami, FL, September 23, 2023

Mass Tort Update II: Hair Relaxer, Tylenol, Exactech, CPAP, Sex Abuse, and Opioids, Shades of Mass 2023 Conference, Miami, FL, September 22, 2023

Women's Caucus Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Mississippi Association for Justice 2023 Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, June 8, 2023

Faculty and Speaker, Duke Law's Advanced Certificate in Mass Tort MDL, Durham, NC, May 25, 2023

Mass Tort Update, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: Updates and Challenges Facing Current High Stakes Mass Tort Litigation, Philadelphia, PA, May 24, 2023

Hot Topics: Chemical Hair Straightener, Infant Formula, Acetaminophen (ASD/ADHD), Social Media, Exactech, and CPAP, 2023 Mass Torts Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 4, 2023

The Value of Diversity Taking the Lead (Diversity and Ethics), 2023 Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar, New Orleans, LA, April 28, 2023

Public Justice Phonathon 2023, Public Justice Foundation, Webinar, April 20, 2023

Tepezza Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect Spring Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, April 13, 2023

Infant Formula NEC Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect Spring Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, April 12, 2023

Chemical Hair Relaxer Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect Spring Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, April 12, 2023

Interview, Lawful Good, Podcast, February 23, 2023

Chemical Hair Relaxer Litigation Update, Mass Torts Made Perfect, Webinar, February 7, 2023

Co-Chair, Hair Straightener & Social Media Litigation, HarrisMartin's MDL Conference, January 2023

The Universal Connection We Have with Jurors, American Association for Justice Winter Conference 2021

Deposition Nuts and Bolts, American Association for Justice, June 4, 2020

Preparing Witnesses Who Can Connect with Jurors, AAJ 2020 Winter Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 8-11, 2020

Preparing Witnesses Who Can Connect with Jurors, AAJ 2019 Weekend with the Stars Seminar, New York, NY December 2019

Exposing Biases During Voir Dire, AAJ Weekend with the Stars Seminar, December 6-19, 2019

How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted (And Keep Theirs Out), National Business Institute, Montgomery, AL, June 2017

Hugging the Pink Elephant- Arbitrating Effectively & Developments in Arbitration, Birmingham Bar Bench and Bar Retreat, Prattville, AL, March 2017

Obstacles in Litigating Sexual Assault Claims, The Southern Trial Lawyer Association 29th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2017

How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted (And Keep Theirs Out), National Business Institute, Montgomery, AL 2016

From the Mainstream to the Margins: "It's on Us" to Vindicate Women's Rights through the Civil Justice System, Alabama Association for Justice Magazine, 2016

Discrimination Litigation, Fox 6 WBRC LawCall (television program), September 11, 2016

Mass Tort: From Litigation to Settlement Administration, People's Law School (television program), Huntsville, AL, 2012

Taking and Defending the Expert and 30(b)(6) Deposition, Alabama Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, Panama City, FL, 2011

Research in the Legal Profession, Alabama Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL, 2010

Author, *The American Trial Lawyer*, December 2009

The Tolbert Qualified Settlement, People's Law School (television program), Huntsville, AL, 2009

Diversity in the Profession, American Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division Fall Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2009

American Law: Recognizing the Distinct Legacy of Our Nation, Summer 2009, Birmingham Bar Association Bulletin, Birmingham, AL, Summer 2009

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Alabama

District of Columbia

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Memberships

American Association for Justice, Board of Governors

Alabama Association for Justice

National Trial Lawyers

Southern Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors

Alabama State Bar, Board of Bar Commissioners, former past Vice President, Executive Council

Alabama State Bar General Counsel's Office, Disciplinary Hearing Officer

Birmingham Bar Association, former Executive Committee Member

Birmingham Bar Foundation, Executive Committee Member

Magic City Bar Association, Former President

Alabama Access to Justice Commission