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Overview

Madeline Hills is an associate in DiCello Levitt's class action group, where her practice is focused on breach of contract, products liability, and data security. Madeline is devoted to confronting systemic injustices, empowering individuals, and achieving impactful legal outcomes through collective action.

Madeline previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Section of the Missouri Attorney General's Office. There, she defended state entities and officials in a broad range of matters, including general torts, civil rights, administrative procedure, and class actions. Notably, Madeline defended the state labor agency's administration of Missouri's fund for tort victims through a bench trial to favorable verdict; she served as third chair in a jury trial defending state officials against intentional tort claims; and she secured a victory on behalf of two state court judges before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in a case alleging civil rights violations.

While in law school, Madeline worked as a student law clerk to the Honorable Judge Duane Benton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Justice Ann Walsh Bradley of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She also served as vice president of communications for First Generation Lawyers and as a student researcher for the State Democracy Research Initiative.

Practice Areas

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

PRODUCT LIABILITY

PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND CYBERSECURITY

Education

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif University of Missouri, B.A., *summa cum laude*

Awards & Honors

Recognized in Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs, ***Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®** (2027)

Illinois Rising Stars Honoree, ***Super Lawyers*** (2027)

Stewart Macaulay Award for Excellence and Leadership in Contracts Law, **Wisconsin Law School** (2023)

Best Performance Award, Food Law, **University of Wisconsin Law School** (2022)

Best Performance Award, Contracts I, **University of Wisconsin Law School** (2021)

Publications & Presentations

“Mich. Ruling Gives Consumer Protection Law Its Teeth Back,” *Law360*, August 2026

Contributor, “Arguing Class Actions: Righting a Judicial Wrong—Restoring Michigan’s Consumer Protection Act,” *The National Law Journal*, September 2025

Madeline is a contributing author of the chapter on the Seventh Circuit, in the *2025 Survey of Federal Class Action Law: A U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit-by-Circuit Analysis* (Elizabeth J. Cabraser & Fabrice N. Vincent, eds., American Bar Association 1st ed. 2018), a perennial bestseller publication of the American Bar Association.

Madeline E. Hills, *Handshakes and Winegrapes: Why “Braided” Winegrape Agreements Between Growers and Wineries May be the Answer*, DRAKE J. AGRIC. L., Vol. 28 (2023).

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Missouri

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Memberships

American Association for Justice (AAJ)

Complex Litigation E-Discovery Forum (CLEF)

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association

Public Justice Foundation

Wisconsin Bar Association