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Overview

Diandra “Fu” Debrosse Zimmermann 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 (MDL No. 3026); Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee for In re: Paraquat Products Liability Litigation (MDL No. 3004); Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for In re: Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing Hip Implant Liability Litigation (MDL No. 2775); municipalities in both In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation (MDL No. 2804) and In re: McKinsey & Company Inc., National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation (MDL No. 2996); and counsel in In re: Proton Pump Inhibitor Litigation (MDL No. 2789). Fu also held a seat on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for In re: Higher One Account Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (MDL No. 2407) and has represented plaintiffs in multiple additional multidistrict litigations. Fu also leads many systematic civil rights and sexual assault cases and represents states and municipalities in litigation.

Fu was recognized in 2022 as a Litigation Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*, and as one of the 500 Leading Consumer Lawyers by *Lawdragon*. *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. She is repeatedly named as an *Alabama Super Lawyer*, among other recognitions and awards.

Fu is a founding member of Shades of Mass, an organization dedicated to encouraging the appointment of attorneys of color in national mass tort actions. She is a board member of Public Justice, the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, and an executive member of the Birmingham Bar Foundation. Fu is currently on the faculty of Duke Law's Bolch Judicial Institute's Mass Tort MDL Certificate. The course faculty includes leading judges, practitioners, and professors in the field of complex litigation, Fu previously served as a hearing officer for the Alabama State Bar, and held leadership roles in the American Association for Justice, the Alabama Access to Justice Commission, and was an Alabama State Bar vice president and commissioner. She also served as the president of the Magic City Bar Association, the legislative liaison to the Alabama Lawyers Association, and is a former member of the Birmingham Bar Association Executive Committee.

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 JUSTICE

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

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

500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, ***Lawdragon*** (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

The Universal Connection we Have with Jurors, AAJ Winter Conference 2021

Deposition Nuts and Bolts, AAJ June 4, 2020

Preparing Witnesses Who Can Connect with Jurors, AAJ 2020 Winter Convention – New Orleans, 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, Alabama, June 2017

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

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

How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted (And Keep Theirs Out), National Business Institute, Montgomery, Alabama 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, Alabama, 2012

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

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

Author, *The American Trial Lawyer*, December 2009

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

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

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

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Alabama

District of Columbia

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