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### Overview

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Diandra “Fu” Debrosse is a fearless plaintiffs’ attorney who fights unapologetically for individuals and public entities injured by wrongful conduct, whether by defective medical devices, drugs, or cosmetics, 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 recovered nearly \$1 billion in damages for her clients. Blending her exceptional talents in multidistrict and mass tort litigation with state-of-the-art tools, Fu uses sophisticated modeling to identify technology-based and other forms of discrimination, including environmental injustice, defective devices, and unfair insurance practices.

As the managing partner of DiCello Levitt’s Birmingham office, chair of the firm’s Mass Torts division, and co-chair of its Civil and Human Rights Litigation Practice Group, she holds prominent leadership positions in numerous multidistrict litigations. She is Co-Lead Counsel in the massive products liability multidistrict litigation against two of the world’s largest infant formula manufacturers, Abbott Laboratories and Mead Johnson, and in the MDL against L’Oréal and other makers of disease-causing hair relaxer products marketed primarily to Black and Latina women. Fu also holds leadership positions in several other significant MDLs, including the litigation against Chevron and Syngenta for their marketing and sale of the disease-causing herbicide paraquat, as well as the social media MDL in which the plaintiffs are seeking damages against Meta Platforms, TikTok, YouTube, and others for creating defective products that encourage addictive behavior, resulting in various emotional and physical harms, including death.

Fu also leads many systematic civil rights and sexual assault cases; represents the City of Baltimore in legal actions addressing the catastrophic of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse; and represents dozens of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland, and North Dakota counties and a number of cities and counties in Maryland, Delaware, and other jurisdictions in two



separate prescription opiate MDLs.

Fu was recognized by *Forbes* as one of the top 200 attorneys in the United States in 2024, and *The National Law Journal* named her to its 2023 list of Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar. In 2022, 2023, and 2024, *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, and the *Birmingham Business Journal* honored Fu with a Best of the Bar Award and Who's Who in Law recognitions in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

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 and the Southern Trial Lawyers Association. 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 extraordinary young girls.

## Practice Areas

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CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

MASS TORT LITIGATION

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION

PERSONAL INJURY

PUBLIC CLIENT

PRODUCT LIABILITY

## Education

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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

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

*In re Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060 (N.D. Ill.), Co-Lead Counsel

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

*In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3047 (N.D. Cal.)

*Salter, et al. v. Meta Platforms, et al.*, No. 808604/2023 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Erie County)

*Derrick v. Novo Nordisk, et al.*, No. 6:24-cv-02018 (N.D. Iowa, Eastern Division), Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee

Representing the City of Baltimore in Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse

*In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio)

*In re McKinsey & Company Inc. National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation*, MDL No. 2996 (N.D. Cal.)

Fu previously held leadership positions in:

*In re Higher One Account Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 2407 (D. Conn.), 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, (N.D. Miss.), Lead Counsel

*Family Medicine Pharmacy LLC v. Impax Laboratories, Inc.*, No. 1:17-cv-00053 (S.D. Ala.), Lead Counsel

*Hill v. Hill Bros. Constr. Co.*, No. 3:14CV213-SA-SAA (N.D. Miss.), Lead Counsel

## Awards & Honors

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Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs – Alabama, Band 2, **Chambers USA** (2023-2024)

Product Liability: Plaintiffs – USA (Band 4), **Chambers USA** (2024)

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

America's Top 200 Lawyers, **Forbes** (2024)

500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers, **Lawdragon** (2024)

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

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

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### Publications

"A blueprint for cracking the MDL diversity barrier," *Westlaw Today*, February 16, 2023

### Presentations

"Ozempic Panel #1: Causation, Science and Permanency," HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: Ozempic and Suboxone Litigation, January 24, 2024

"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

“Diversity in Leadership & Hair Relaxer Litigation with Diandra ‘Fu’ Debrosse Zimmermann & LaRuby May,” Mass Tort News LegalCast, March 14, 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, January 14, 2021

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

“Preparing Witnesses Who Can Connect with Jurors,” American Association for Justice Winter Convention, February 2020

## **Admissions & Memberships**

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### **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

Alabama Association for Justice

National Trial Lawyers

Southern Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors

Alabama State Bar, Board of Bar Commissioners, Former 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