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Practices

Asbestos Exposure Litigation
Benzene Exposure Litigation
Chemical Exposure Litigation
Manufacturer's Liability and Products Liability
Occupational Exposure Litigation
Cannabis Law

Industries

Energy
Construction
Manufacturing
Shipbuilding
Cannabis/Hemp

Bar Admissions

Louisiana

Education

J.D., Loyola University of New Orleans, 1999

B.A., University of Alabama, 1996

Since competing in Mock Trial tournaments in high school, Jennifer Adams has been hooked on the law. A naturally gifted communicator, Jennifer takes her clients' best interests into consideration when completing difficult, but sometimes necessary, negotiations.

Her love of triaging complex cases, whether defending cancer claims related to alleged asbestos exposure in the workplace or "take-home" exposure claims, keeps Jennifer working hard to meet her client's needs. Jennifer is the chair of the Toxic Tort and Environmental Department at Deutsch Kerrigan and has successfully litigated and secured favorable outcomes in thousands of occupational exposure claims in state and federal courts.

Jennifer is a frequent speaker at national conferences, including the Defense Research Institute and American Conference Institute's National Advanced Forum, on asbestos claims & litigation. She leads discussions and panels covering the latest in trends product liability, cannabis law, workplace exposures, and talcum powder issues.

She is a native New Orleanian who loves photography, spending time with her family, and being at the beach.

Professional Associations

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
 - Class Actions and Multi-Party Litigation Committee
 - Drug and Medical Device Committee
 - Product Liability Committee
 - Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee
 - Women in the Law Committee
- American Bar Association
 - Cannabis Committee
- Federal Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel
- Association of Women Attorneys

- Community Outreach Director (past)
- Louisiana Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Committee for a Better New Orleans Bryan Bell Leadership Forum, 2009 Graduate

Accolades

- *Inside New Orleans* Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyer, 2021
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- AV Preeminent *Martindale-Hubbell*® Peer Review Rating™
- New Orleans *CityBusiness* Ones to Watch: Law
- *New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" List, 2015
- Thomson Reuters "Louisiana Rising Stars" List, 2012-2014

Representative Successes

- **Products Liability - Motion for Summary Judgment**
Ms. Adams represented a manufacturer in a case involving a 43-year-old plaintiff living with mesothelioma who demanded over six figures because her father identified working with the manufacturer's product during his career. Ms. Adams filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on behalf of the client, which the Court granted, agreeing with Ms. Adams' argument that the plaintiff could not show that she was exposed to asbestos through her father's work with the defendant's product.
- **Toxic Tort - Product Liability - *Bruce Spillman v. Anco Insulations, Inc., et al.***
Ms. Adams and Mr. Stout defended an insulation supplier and contractor in a \$2.5 million product liability and negligence case in which the plaintiff alleged that products sold and used by the defendant caused his mesothelioma. Both a motion for involuntary dismissal filed at the close of trial and a post-trial memoranda led to the dismissal of all claims against the firm's client.
- **Insurance Beneficiary - *Tonnas v. Stonebridge Ins. Co.***
When a former wife sued an insurer to obtain proceeds from an insurance policy issued to her former husband, alleging that she remained the beneficiary even after their divorce, Ms. Adams represented the three daughters of the former husband. The suit was removed to federal court, and the insurer filed a third-party counterclaim against three of the former husband's daughters and the funeral home. The daughters moved for summary judgment, which was granted by the trial court. *Tonnas v. Stonebridge Ins. Co.*, 2004 WL 1158036 (E.D. La. 5/21/04); The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's ruling later that year. 2004 WL 3019746 (C.A.5 (La.) 12/30/04).
- **Appeal - Underinsured Motorist, *Samuel Yonter v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company***
When a State Farm Insured brought an action against State Farm to recover underinsured motorist (UIM) benefits including punitive damages, Ms. Adams argued before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal to affirm the Exception of No Cause of Action decided by the trial court. *Samuel Yonter v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company*, 802 So.2d 950 (La. App. 5 Cir. 11/27/01).

Publications

- "21st Century Gold Rush: Cannabis Volume III - CBD Retail Operations," October 2020
- "21st Century Gold Rush: Cannabis Volume II- Farming and Pharmacies: Background Information for the Medical Marijuana Investor," September 2020

- “21st Century Gold Rush: Cannabis Volume I-What You Need to Know Now About Louisiana’s Therapeutic Marijuana Act,” August 2020
- “Louisiana Chinese Drywall Litigation,” co-author, *The Legal Blueprint* Issue 2, 2009

Presentations

- Women in Products Liability ABA Regional Conference 2022 “PFAS/AFFF/MDL Emerging Issues,” October 20, 2022
- “Louisiana Litigation Update,” DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar, November 10, 2016
- “Talc Cases: Litigating Claims Involving Products Containing Talc,” American Conference Institute, Asbestos Claims and Litigation Conference, Wynham Grand Chicago Riverfront, Chicago, IL, 2016
- “Recent Decisions: ‘Each and Every Exposure’ Theory,” American Conference Institute’s 19th National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Claims and Litigation, June 23-24, 2015
- “Development of the ‘Each and Every Exposure’ Theory,” co-chair, American Conference Institute’s 18th Annual National Forum on Asbestos Claims & Litigation, January 15-16, 2015
- “Current Science and Claims Involving Cosmetic and Industrial Talc,” American Conference Institute’s 17th National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Claims & Litigation, June 26-27, 2014
- “Hot Topics in Diversity Law,” American Bar Association Conference on Diversity, January 9, 2012
- “Motions in Limine Filed in Asbestos Cases,” Harris Martin Louisiana Asbestos Seminar, June 25, 2011