



STEPHANIE M. LAWS

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OVERVIEW

Stephanie Laws represents businesses in complex civil litigation in federal and state courts nationwide. Stephanie has experience in commercial, consumer protection, and product liability litigation. She also conducts internal investigations. Stephanie is experienced in all phases of litigation—from fact investigation through trial—with particular experience managing large-scale document review and production, e-discovery issues, and working with experts. In addition to aggressively litigating claims, Stephanie leverages early resolution strategies to avoid unnecessary litigation where possible. Stephanie has completed multiple client secondments and understands the interplay between litigation strategy and business needs.

Stephanie is also deeply engaged with pro bono work. She serves on Maslon's Pro Bono Committee and maintains an active practice, including representing victims of domestic violence seeking orders for protection against their abusers and representing asylum seekers, among other endeavors.

Prior to joining Maslon, Stephanie was a litigation defense attorney at two large national firms. Stephanie graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2012 and earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Represented leading global medical device manufacturer in lawsuits involving variety of complex medical devices in state and federal courts across the country.
- Investigated a security company holding a multimillion-dollar contract at a major NFL venue on behalf of a worldwide venue management company.
- Sole outside counsel representing Fortune 200 company in year-long internal audit involving large-scale document collection and production.
- Develops testing protocols and coordinates legal testing of medical devices in labs across the country.
- *Gordon R. Golden, et al. v. Medtronic, Inc., et al.*, No. 17-CV-30568 (Colo. Dist. Ct.). Secured full dismissal of all claims

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Government & Internal Investigations
- Tort & Product Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota
- E.D. Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School
J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

University of Wisconsin, Madison
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007
English

involving pre-market approved medical device on preemption grounds—without any mandatory authority in Colorado state court.

- *Waldo v. Eli Lilly & Co.*, No. Civ. S-13-0789, 2013 WL 5554623 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2013). Secured dismissal of majority of claims alleging birth defects were caused by pharmaceutical product, significantly reducing scope of discovery.

Pro Bono

- Pro bono assistance in the State of Minnesota's prosecution of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin.
- Pro bono representation of low-income individuals seeking Orders for Protection against domestic partners.
- Pro bono representation of LGBTQ+ individuals fleeing persecution in their home countries.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers: Partner Leadership Council, 2019-present
- ABA Death Penalty Representation Project: Pro Bono Volunteer Attorney
- Defended local food bank against multiple employment-related claims brought by former employee.
- Community Legal Services of Philadelphia: past Volunteer. Assisted low-income Philadelphia residents with applications for federal disability benefits.

SELECTED HONORS

- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2018-2020 (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota® list**, 2019 (*The annual edition of the Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota list features attorneys who received the highest point totals in the previous year's Minnesota Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars balloting, research, and blue ribbon review process.*)
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2017-2020 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)
- **Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**, 2021 (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "When Are Communications with Experts Exempt from Discovery?" Pressure on the Privilege, Minnesota CLE, 2019
- "Surviving the Waves: Implied, Express, and Subject Matter Waivers of Attorney-Client Privilege," 2017