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Nicole Braden Lewis defends companies across the country and locally in Ohio as both national and local counsel.

In asbestos litigation, she represents product manufacturers and premises owners who have been in business since the days when asbestos was widely used, and now find themselves defendants in lawsuits. In this and her other areas of practice, Nicole communicates closely with clients to develop a case strategy at the outset of a matter, through trial if necessary, and to help avoid further litigation in the future. Nicole also applies lessons learned from her asbestos litigation defense work to counsel manufacturers in other industries on product safety.

Nicole majored in religion as an undergraduate, and puts her liberal arts background to use every day as she learns more about her clients' products and businesses, and explores the scientific defenses applicable to her cases. Her semester of law school spent at the bilingual University of Ottawa, in Canada, set her at ease among people of many different backgrounds, which helps her develop positive relationships with lawyers, judges, and expert witnesses to the benefit of her clients.

Outside of her law practice, Nicole's favorite race is the 10K and she can be spotted in the occasional dance recital.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2001); Order of the Coif
- Denison University (B.A., summa cum laude, 1998); Phi Beta Kappa

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2001
- Alabama, 2002
- Illinois, 2017

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Consumer Product Safety
- Educational Institutions
- Health & Life Sciences

Industries Represented

- Electrical Equipment
- Construction
- Medical Professionals (Doctors & Nurses)
- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical & Medicine
- Food Manufacturing
- Legal Services (Law Firms)
- Hospitals
- Retail Stores

Experience

- Defended manufacturer in wrongful death (mesothelioma) asbestos-containing product liability case in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jury trial, 2017.
- Defended manufacturer in asbestos-containing product liability case brought by a living mesothelioma plaintiff in Miami, Florida. Jury trial, 2013.
- Defended pro bono client facing eviction from his home. Bench trial, 2010.
- Defended Certified Nurse Practitioner in nursing home negligence case that sought punitive damages. Jury trial, 2006.

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Issue Spotting and Next Steps,” Lawyers for Women in Crisis Training Seminar, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio (May 2015)
- “Keeping Your Boiler Defendant from Losing Steam – Boiler Operation and Defense Strategy,” prepared for DRI’s Asbestos Medicine Seminar, San Francisco, California (November 2014)
- “Standing Up in Court: Fundamentals of Handling Exhibits and Using Depositions in Court,” presented at the Federal Bar Association’s New Lawyer Training Program (August 2013)
- “[Credentialing and Peer Review of Health Care Providers: The Process and Protections](#),” presented in connection with ALI-ABA seminar/audio webcast (April 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- “[Emotional Intelligence: What Is It and What Can It Do for You?](#),” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (April 2016), DRI’s *Sharing Success*, The Newsletter of the Women in the Law Committee (May 2015)

MEDIA

- “[The Scoop](#),” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (February 2020)

Honors

- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2005-2007, 2010-2013)
- [Lawyer to Lawyer Give Back for Justice](#) (October 2017)

In the Community

- Tucker Ellis Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - » Women’s Initiative, Co-Chair
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Board of Directors
 - » Chair
- Case Western Reserve University Law Alumni Association Board, Development Committee Chair
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Eighth District Judicial Conference, Life Member
- Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management
 - » Emotional Intelligence Training (November 2017)
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
 - » Trial Academy (September 2017)
- YWCA Women’s Leadership Boot Camp, Class of 2011