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Su-Lyn Combs is Partner-in-Charge of the Tucker Ellis Los Angeles office.

A trial attorney with over 20 years of litigation experience in both federal and state courts, Su-Lyn's practice primarily involves the defense of pharmaceutical and medical device companies in mass tort or single-plaintiff product liability actions. She has significant experience representing manufacturers in multidistrict and coordinated state litigation involving prescription drugs and medical devices. Su-Lyn has served as national coordinating counsel, on national counsel teams and as local counsel. She has also served as lead and liaison counsel in numerous California Coordinated Proceedings.

Su-Lyn has extensive experience in all phases of pretrial litigation on the national and local level, including written discovery, depositions, dispositive motions, defending and preparing company witnesses, and defense expert development. She has drafted and argued pretrial motions, including motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions and Daubert motions.

Su-Lyn also has experience in defending complex construction defect, personal injury, general product liability, and insurance defense matters.

Education

- University of Denver College of Law (J.D., 1997); Denver University Law Review, General Editor
- California State University, San Bernardino (B.A., 1994)

State Admissions

- California, 2000
- Colorado, 1997
- Mississippi, 2004

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi
- United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Service Areas

- Life Sciences Litigation
- Medical Privacy
- Health & Life Sciences
- Food, Cosmetics & Dietary Supplements

Experience

- Obtained complete defense verdict for a pharmaceutical company in a jury trial arising out of alleged negligence in manufacturing and testing a batch of children's over-the-counter medicine
- Defended pharmaceutical company in a retrial arising out of alleged negligence in manufacturing and testing a batch of children's over-the-counter medicine
- Member of trial team that represented a pharmaceutical company in five-week jury trial arising out of the alleged theft of trade secrets from a database as part of a clinical trial to have a new drug indication approved

In the Community

- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
 - » Membership Committee
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
 - » Counsel for Justice, Vice President
 - » Executive Committee
- Los Angeles County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors
- Tucker Ellis Equity & Inclusion Committee