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Tariq Naeem co-chairs the Tucker Ellis Health & Life Sciences Group.

Tariq uses his background in the biological sciences to defend pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in all aspects of personal injury cases, from initial pleadings through jury trial. His experience involves directly working with manufacturing, regulatory, clinical, and pharmacovigilance employees to investigate and defend clients on such diverse issues as product recalls, design changes, labeling revisions, safety assessments, and FDA investigations. Tariq is also responsible for the complex science issues associated with defending clients, which includes working with company and expert witnesses on liability and causation issues. As national counsel, Tariq has appeared in federal and state courts throughout the United States – including trials in Ohio, Illinois, Nevada, and Florida.

In addition to his work for pharmaceutical and medical device companies, Tariq has represented insurance companies, banks, and other businesses in a variety of commercial disputes.

Outside of work, Tariq is an avid – albeit frustratingly average – golfer and loves introducing his kids to movies he watched as a kid.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2000)
- Miami University (B.A., 1993)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2000
- California, 2014

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Health & Life Sciences
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Business Litigation

Industries Represented

- Banks
- Chemical
- Hospitals
- Insurance Carriers
- Medical Devices
- Pharmaceutical & Medicine
- Religious Organizations
- Rental & Leasing Services

Experience

- Represents pharmaceutical company in nationwide litigation brought by thousands of state and local governments seeking costs for abatement of the opioid addiction crisis
- Represented multiple pharmaceutical companies in multidistrict litigations involving diabetes medications and proton-pump inhibitors
- Represented pharmaceutical company in multiple wrongful death trials involving recalled fentanyl pain patch
- Represented medical device company in product liability case alleging injury from surgical rongeur that fractured during back surgery
- Represented chemical company in breach of warranty case involving allegedly nonconforming component used in manufacture of cancer medication
- Represented multiple chemical companies in personal injury case alleging the development of leukemia from exposure to benzene-containing products
- Represented bank against borrowers for default on SBA loan and counterclaim for alleged fraud in loan origination
- Represented insurance company in trial of contribution action against other insurance companies relating to settlement of medical malpractice case

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Controlling the Effects of Social Media on Products Liability Litigation: Practical Tips for Drug and Device Manufacturers,” ACI Drug and Medical Device Litigation Conference, New York, New York (December 2015)
- “Nuts and Bolts of Recalls: A Step-by-Step Guide to Recalling a Product,” Moderator, Pharmaceutical Medical Device and Biotech Litigation Regional Seminar, American Bar Association, New York, New York (October 2015)
- “Current Issues in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation,” ABA Section of Litigation, Austin, Texas (October 2014)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Chapter 2, Drug Approvals, Medical Device Approvals, and Clinical Trials and Registries,” *FDA Basics for the Drug and Medical Device Lawyer*, DRI Defense Library Book (2015)
- “Reliability and Admissibility of Forensic Toxicology Testing in Civil Cases,” *IADC Drug, Device and Biotechnology Newsletter* (December 2012)

Honors

- LMG Life Sciences
 - » Life Sciences Star (Product Liability)
- Benchmark Litigation
 - » National Practice Area Star (Product Liability and Recall)
- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2009, 2011)

In the Community

- 8th District Judicial Conference, Life Member
- American Bar Association
 - » Current Issues in Pharmaceutical, Medical Device, and Biotech Litigation Workshop, Co-Chair (2016-2017)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law Alumni Association
 - » Board Member (2008-2013)
- The Honorable William K. Thomas American Inn of Court
 - » Barrister (2010-2013)
 - » Associate (2002-2004, 2005-2008)
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Northeast Ohio Chapter
 - » President (2013-2015)
 - » Board Member (2009-2015)