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Camille Smith McMakin has over a decade of experience representing product manufacturers and retailers in mass tort, toxic tort, environmental, and complex product liability matters from inception through trial. Before joining Alston & Bird originally in 2017, Camille served on the national coordinating counsel team for an electrical products manufacturer and as local counsel in several jurisdictions for multiple clients in asbestos litigation, including manufacturers of fluid sealing devices, industrial equipment, and automotive component parts. In addition to resolving hundreds of asbestos cases a year in jurisdictions such as West Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina, Camille second-chaired five asbestos trials to verdict in four years. Camille has also served as regional counsel for a Fortune 500 package and shipping company, managing catastrophic personal injury and property damage claims and litigation in state courts across Georgia and Alabama.

Camille earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt University, where she completed the Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution program. She earned her B.A. in English with a minor in philosophy from the University of Georgia, where she graduated cum laude and was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and the Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority.

Representative Experience

- Member of a team that obtained a defense verdict for a manufacturer of fluid sealing devices. The plaintiff, a South Carolina resident, alleged that his lung cancer was caused by exposure to asbestos from the defendant's products onboard the U.S.S. Princeton and at various Georgia Power plants throughout the state.
- Member of a team that secured a defense verdict for an importer and seller of automobiles. The plaintiff, a lifetime automotive mechanic, alleged that his mesothelioma was caused by exposure to asbestos from automotive component parts.

Professional & Community Engagement

- ToolBank USA, board of directors
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

Education

- Vanderbilt University (J.D., 2007)
- University of Georgia (B.A., 2004)

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut

- Georgia
- Texas
- West Virginia

Related Services

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