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Claire has extensive experience in the defense of complex litigation and general casualty cases involving product liability, premises liability, construction (representing contractors, subcontractors and product manufacturers) and personal injury. She has also defended automobile cases, breach of contract cases, real estate appraisal cases and toxic tort cases involving benzene, asbestos and silica.

Currently, Claire represents a major elevator and escalator manufacturer in Pennsylvania and an automatic door manufacturer in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She also has experience representing manufacturers of HVAC systems, pesticides and chemical products, commercial appliances and respiratory protective equipment, as well as experience in defending a variety of defendants in general negligence cases.

Upon obtaining her *juris doctor* from Boston University in 1995, Claire worked as a judicial clerk for the Supreme Court of Louisiana until 1996. Thereafter, she was a shareholder at the defense law firm of Duplass, Zwain, Bourgeois, Pfister & Weinstock in the greater New Orleans, Louisiana area, where she practiced for 12 years. Claire has been with Marshall Dennehey since 2008.

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., 1995)
- Northwestern State University of Louisiana (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1992)

Admissions

- Louisiana, 1995
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, 1995
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Louisiana, 1995
- U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana, 1995
- Pennsylvania, 2008

Practices

- Product Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Construction Injury Litigation
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Employment Law
- Catastrophic Claims Litigation

- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 2008
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2010
- New Jersey, 2012

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America©, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2026-2027)

Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association, 1995
- Louisiana State Bar Association, 1995
- New Jersey Bar Association, 2012
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2008
- Philadelphia Bar Association, 2013

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *Personal Injury Law From Start to Finish: Law and Legislative Update*, Sterling Educational Seminars, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2015

Published Works

- “Park and Cross At Your Own Risk,” *Defense Digest*, Vol. 23, No. 3, September 2017 and *Counterpoint*, January 2018