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Main Bio

Dawn Davis is a proud native Nevadan. Her practice is focused on product liability litigation, primarily defending manufacturers and distributors of consumer products, watercraft, aviation products, automotive products and pharmaceutical and medical device products. She also has extensive experience with premises liability and other personal injury defense litigation. Dawn represents a broad range of clients in both state and federal district courts in disputes involving claims of catastrophic injury, wrongful death and property damage. Dawn also handles consumer warranty and consumer fraud-related litigation in multi-district litigations and individual federal and state court claims.

Dawn also advises employers in Occupational Safety & Health Administration related matters, including assistance with violation investigations, disputing citations, litigating Complaints to the Review Board, drafting and reviewing safety and compliance programs, petitioning for variances and complying with OSHA standards.

Dawn is an active pro bono attorney for Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Children's Attorney Project and Southern Nevada Senior Law Program.

Representative Experience

- Defended an appliance manufacturer and distributor in a jury trial in a claim for strict liability and consumer fraud following severe burn injuries
- Defended an automobile manufacturer in a case involving a vehicle rollover following a tire failure that resulted in the death of the driver
- Defended an automobile manufacturer in a case involving carbon monoxide poisoning that resulted in the death of the operator
- Defended a casino and a restaurant franchisee in premises liability cases involving alleged brain injuries following a fight at the properties
- Defended an automobile manufacturer in several cases involving allegations of a park-to-reverse defect that resulted in catastrophic injury
- Defended an athlete in a premises liability case involving injuries at a golf course.
- Defended a medical device manufacturer in litigation involving defective pain pump claims.
- Defended aircraft manufacturers in connection with serious injury and large property damage claims

- Defended aircraft manufacturers in product liability matters involving design defect claims, pre-suit accident investigations and aircraft inspections and property damage subrogation disputes
- Frequently advises national counsel to product manufacturers and distributors on local litigation strategies

Education

- University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Nevada Las Vegas, Lee Business School (M.B.A.)
- University of Nevada Las Vegas, (B.A.)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of Colorado
- State Bar of Idaho
- State Bar of New Mexico
- State Bar of Nevada
- State Bar of Utah
- State Bar of Wyoming

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Nevada OSHA SVEP", Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Webinar (December 7, 2023)
- "[Nevada OSHA Adopts New, "Punitive Severe Violators Enforcement Program"](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (November 28, 2023)
- "OSHA Updates for Nevada Employers", Presenter, Las Vegas Last Chance CLE (November 9, 2023)
- "[Nevada OSHA: Heat Illness Emphasis Program](#)," Author, Nevada Business Magazine (October 1, 2022)
- "[A New Outlier Expands Manufacturers' Ability to Litigate Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act Cases in Federal Court](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (July 12, 2022)
- "Heal the Suffering Children: Fifty Years after the Declaration of War on Poverty," Author, Boston College Journal of Law & Social Justice, Vol. 34, Issue 1 (2014)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Product Liability Litigation: Defendants (2021-2024)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Personal Injury General: Defense (2019), Personal Injury Products: Defense (2021-2023)
- Legal Elite - Best Up and Coming Attorneys, Nevada Business Magazine (2019-2020)

Community Involvement

- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program, Volunteer Attorney
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Pro Bono Attorney
- Family to Family Connection

- Board Member (2019-Present)

Previous Professional Experience

- Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, Associate, Las Vegas, Nevada (2015-2019)
- Murchison & Cumming, Associate, Las Vegas, Nevada (2013-2015)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Utah
- Wyoming

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of Colorado
- Supreme Court of Idaho
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- Supreme Court of New Mexico
- Supreme Court of Utah
- Supreme Court of Wyoming
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, District of Idaho
- United States District Court, District of Nevada
- United States District Court, District of Utah