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Professional Credentials

- J.D. (1999) University of Maine School of Law
- B.A. (1993) Clark University

Heather Russell Fine

Partner

Ms. Fine is an experienced litigator who focuses her practice on complex product liability and mass tort defense with a particular interest in representing automotive manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, regional product manufacturers, foodservice retailers and retail corporations on a local, national and international level.

Ms. Fine is admitted to practice law in Maine, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and before the U.S. District Court, District of Maine; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania.

Experience

Ms. Fine handles all aspects of complex product liability cases from inception through to verdict and appeal, as well as general insurance litigation, including complex bad faith and UM/UIM matters. She has successfully defended clients across the country from Maine to Alaska for cases ranging from arbitration-level breach of warranty issues to complex trial matters involving claims of catastrophic personal injury based on allegations of product defect.

Memberships and Affiliations

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
 - Vice Chair and Marketing Chair, Strictly Automotive Specialized Litigation Group (2017-2019)
 - Chair, Strictly Automotive Specialized Litigation Group (2019-2021)

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Presentations and Publications

- Panelist, Product liability challenges in the face of an ever-changing landscape, [2022 DRI Product Liability Conference](#), February 2-4, 2022
- Panelist, “Challenges for In House and Outside Law Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Product Liability Advisory Council, August 27, 2020
- Presenter, “The Approaching Wave of Autonomous Vehicles Drives New Risks to Insurers,” A.M. Best Insurance Law Podcast, June 27, 2019
- Co-Presenter, “Canada vs. United States: A Discussion of Recent Verdicts and Trends on Both Sides of the Border,” DRI Strictly Automotive, Troy, Michigan, September 2017
- Author, “Why Doesn’t the Jury Like My Well-Credentialed and Exceedingly Intelligent Expert?” The Woman Advocate, American Bar Association Section of Litigation, August 2017
- Panelist, “Both Perspectives: Successfully Representing Your Client and Managing the Attorney-Client Relationship,” Next Generation Lead Products Litigation Lawyer Summit, Phoenix, April 2017
- Co-Author, “Catching Fire: Galaxy Note 7 Prompts Analysis of Post-Sale Duty to Warn,” New Jersey Law Journal, December 2016
- Co-Author, “Pennsylvania’s medical marijuana launch is a marathon not a sprint,” Elevated Nation, November 2016
- Co-Author, “Pennsylvania’s Statutory Employer Defense,” The Legal Intelligencer, August 2010