



**Bridget Wholey**

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Bridget represents clients in complex product liability matters in state and federal court at all stages of litigation. Her experience includes drafting dispositive motions and appellate briefs, taking and defending depositions, preparing fact and expert witness testimony, and serving as a member of trial teams that obtained complete defense verdicts.

Bridget also has significant *pro bono* experience. She has represented federal prisoners in connection with motions for compassionate release and in civil rights litigation relating to conditions of confinement. Her experience includes briefing and arguing a successful civil rights appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Bridget has earned several awards for her *pro bono* work, including the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois' Award for Excellence in *Pro Bono* Service.

Before joining Goldman Ismail, Bridget clerked for the Honorable Michael Y. Scudder on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and worked as an associate at another national law firm. She earned her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School.

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**Private Practice**

Associate, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli  
Brennan & Baum LLP

Associate, Sidley Austin

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**Education**

University of Texas at Austin (B.A. Government)

Notre Dame Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*)

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**Judicial Clerkship**

Honorable Michael Y. Scudder, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

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**Professional & Community Affiliations**

Member, Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center

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**Of Note**

Seventh Circuit Bar Association, *Pro Bono* and Public Service Award (2026)

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**News**

[Bridget Wholey Recognized for Pro Bono Service by Seventh Circuit Bar Association](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Victory in First Paragard IUD Bellwether Trial](#)

[Bridget Wholey and Co-Counsel from Sidley Austin Achieve Victory in Seventh Circuit Pro Bono Case](#)

[Goldman Ismail Helps Bayer and Monsanto Company and Nouryon Surface Chemistry LLC Secure a Defense Victory in Roundup Trial](#)

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**Bar & Court Admission**

State of Illinois

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

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