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Allyson has a wealth of experience representing Fortune 500 corporations in high-stakes commercial and products liability litigation. She currently serves as co-lead counsel for Merck in federal multidistrict litigation involving the HPV vaccine, Gardasil. Prior to this appointment, she was a key member of the team that secured a landmark *Daubert* victory in federal multidistrict litigation involving the Mirena intrauterine device where the court excluded all of plaintiffs' causation experts. The court subsequently dismissed every single one of over 1,200 cases pending in the MDL. In a different Mirena MDL, Allyson briefed *Daubert* motions to exclude the plaintiffs' experts and subsequently defended three experts during oral argument at the *Daubert* hearing. The MDL court ultimately excluded all seven of plaintiffs' general causation experts and later granted summary judgment – entering judgment in all cases pending in the MDL. As counsel for Bayer in nationwide litigation related to gadolinium-based contrast agents, Allyson led the briefing efforts before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation – successfully opposing plaintiffs' attempt to form an MDL. She has also played an integral role on multiple trial teams and has shepherded numerous aspects of pre-trial preparation, including drafting successful dispositive motions, managing all aspects of discovery, and deposing fact and treating physician witnesses. An engaged member of the greater Chicago community, she has represented clients in various proceedings on a *pro bono* basis.

Representative Litigation

Gardasil Litigation

Serves as co-lead counsel for Merck in a federal multidistrict litigation involving the HPV vaccine, Gardasil.

In re Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation

Represented Bayer in federal and state litigation involving Mirena® intrauterine device.

Gadolinium Retention Contrast Dye Litigation

Represents Bayer in nationwide litigation regarding Bayer's Magnevist® contrast dye. Plaintiffs claim that they developed a variety of injuries as a result of retaining gadolinium in their body following use of Bayer's gadolinium-based contrast agent Magnevist® and other contrast agents during MRI procedures.

Sportvision, Inc. et al. v. MLB Advanced Media, L.P.

Represents MLB Advanced Media, L.P. in patent, trade secret, and contract matter relating to the display of video graphics.

In Re: Xarelto (Rivaroxaban) Products Liability Litigation

Represented Janssen in litigation regarding personal injuries allegedly caused by Xarelto, an anticoagulant developed by Janssen and Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. Served on MDL case work-up team tasked with taking depositions of plaintiffs and treating physicians in cases across the country.

Hurricane Katrina Litigation

Represented large cement company defending against claims by a governmental entity for over \$400 million in alleged property damage. Plaintiff brought these claims under maritime law, alleging that a barge that broke free during Hurricane Katrina caused the failure of a floodwall alongside a New Orleans neighborhood. The case settled on terms favorable to our client days before trial.

Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Pelvic Repair System Litigation

Represents Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson in federal litigation involving pelvic mesh products.

Consumer Electronics Litigation

Represented Fortune 10 consumer electronics company in patent infringement case brought by SMTM Technology, LLC.

In re West Explosion Cases

Represented fertilizer manufacturer in various wrongful death and products liability suits.

Private Practice

Partner, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Associate, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Associate, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP

Education

Washington University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)

- Order of the Coif
- *Washington University Law Review*, Senior Editor
- Excellence in Oral Advocacy Award
- Honor Scholar Award

University of Notre Dame (B.A., Psychology, *magna cum laude*)

- Minor in Africana Studies

Professional & Community Affiliations

Member, Board of Directors, Friends of Prentice

Of Note

Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)

Faculty Speaker, *Wheel of Fortune: Effective Voir Dire Strategies*, IADC Midyear Meeting (Austin, TX, February 2023)

Faculty Speaker, *Opening Statements: Setting the Stage for a Win*, Defense Research Institute Women in Law Seminar (Austin, TX, January 2022)

Selected by *Law360* as a Rising Star in Product Liability (2025)

Selected for *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under Hot List (2022-2025). Ranked a Future Star (2024).

Sole selection by *The Legal 500* as a 2019 Rising Star in Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class

Action Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

One of three attorneys recognized by *The Legal 500* as 2020 and 2021 Rising Stars in Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Action Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Rising Star (2018-2025)

Selected by *Lawdragon* as among the "all-star litigators" "who excel at representing principally corporations and other organizations" in complex litigation, especially product liability, in the 500 Leading Litigators in America guide (2022-2026)

Graduated from the International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy

News

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Earn Top Rankings in the Chambers and Partners 2026 USA Guide](#)

[19 Goldman Ismail Partners Named to Lawdragon's List of 500 Leading Litigators in America](#)

[Eight Goldman Ismail Partners Named to Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under Hot List](#)

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[Goldman Ismail Elects to Partnership Allyson Julien and Emma Ross](#)

[Goldman Ismail Tops 2020 Legal 500 Rankings](#)

[Bayer Wins Daubert Ruling Excluding Plaintiffs' Expert Witnesses in the Gadolinium Retention Contrast Dye Litigation](#)

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[Bayer Wins Daubert Ruling Excluding All Plaintiffs' Expert Witnesses in the Mirena IIH MDL](#)

[Law360 Picks Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation MDL Ruling as One of Year's Most Significant](#)

[Second Circuit Affirms Mirena MDL Dismissals](#)

[Goldman Ismail Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2026](#)

[Allyson Miller Julien and Julia Zasso Named 2025 American Lawyer Industry Award Finalists](#)

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[Goldman Ismail and Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2024](#)

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[Goldman Ismail Tops 2021 Legal 500 Rankings](#)

[Second Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Bayer's Summary Judgment Win in the Mirena IIH MDL](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Important Asylum Victory](#)

[Bayer Wins Dismissal of All Cases in the Mirena IIH MDL](#)

[Goldman Ismail Defeats Plaintiffs' Attempt to Form MDL in Gadolinium Retention Contrast Dye Litigation](#)

[Second Circuit Affirms Orders Dismissing All 1200+ Cases in Mirena Perforation MDL](#)

[Federal Judge Dismisses All 1225 Cases in Mirena Multidistrict Litigation](#)

[Landmark Daubert Victory for Goldman Ismail—Federal Judge Excludes Plaintiffs' Experts](#)

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
