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Betsy is a dynamic litigator and trial lawyer with a range of complex litigation experience, particularly in nationwide product liability litigation. Betsy has handled all aspects of pretrial litigation in consolidated state court proceedings and in multidistrict litigation from briefing and arguing motions on the pleadings through preparing and deposing fact and expert witnesses. Her work on expert and summary judgment briefing has resulted in the exclusion of numerous experts and pretrial dismissals. And when it has not, Betsy has prepared and examined witnesses at trial and helped successfully defend defense verdicts on appeal.

A decorated former Naval officer, Betsy continues her commitment to service by maintaining an active *pro bono* practice. She has successfully represented asylum seekers in partnership with the National Immigrant Justice Center. She has also negotiated favorable settlements on behalf of indigent plaintiffs as part of the Northern District of Illinois' Settlement Assistance Program. And she briefed and argued a direct criminal appeal as part of the Illinois Supreme Court's Pro Bono Program. Betsy has served as plaintiffs' counsel and *amicus curiae* in impact litigation. Betsy also serves on the Friends of Prentice Board of Directors and as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Legal Council for Health Justice.

Betsy came to the firm after completing federal judicial clerkships in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Western District of Missouri. She earned her B.S. from the United States Naval Academy and her J.D. *summa cum laude* from University of Illinois College of Law.

Representative Litigation

Insulin Pump Litigation

Represents Medtronic, Inc. and Medtronic MiniMed in products liability cases nationwide involving the NGP 600 Series insulin pumps. Obtained summary judgment in case pending in Florida federal court in September 2024.

Gardasil Litigation

Represents Merck in all aspects of products liability cases involving the HPV vaccine, Gardasil.

Zantac Litigation

Represented GSK in products liability litigation consolidated in Cook County, Illinois involving heartburn medication. Served as trial counsel in July 2024 trial that resulted in a unanimous defense verdict.

Union Carbide Corporation Asbestos Litigation

Represents Dow Chemical Company subsidiary Union Carbide in litigation involving asbestos. Trials in Cook County in spring and summer 2022 resulted in two deadlocked juries before the case settled favorably on the eve of a third trial.

Elliott Associates v. AbbVie Inc.

Defended AbbVie against fraud allegations brought by multiple hedge funds relating to its abandoned acquisition of Shire Plc. Attained early dismissal of several plaintiff hedge funds and then attained summary judgment for AbbVie in full, which was affirmed on appeal.

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

Represents Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson in federal litigation involving pelvic mesh products. Trial in Miami federal court in January 2020 resulted in a complete defense verdict that was affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit on appeal.

Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. v. Lafarge North America Inc.

Represented a defendant in an opt-out antitrust case alleging that a nationwide conspiracy to fix prices in the drywall industry violated the Sherman Act.

Howard v. City of Detroit, et al.

Pro bono counsel for putative class action brought on behalf of Detroit homeowners whose due-process rights were violated in connection with their residential property tax notices resulting in overassessments, delinquencies, and foreclosures.

Private Practice

Partner, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP	Associate, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP
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Education

University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)

- Order of the Coif
- Managing Editor, *Illinois Law Review*

Old Dominion University (M.A.)

United States Naval Academy (B.S.)

- Varsity Women's Basketball

Judicial Clerkship

Honorable Nanette K. Laughrey, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri	Honorable Helene White, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
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Publications

[Effectively Using Recent Amendments to Federal Rule of Evidence 702](#), LinkedIn (January 2024)

Of Note

Selected by *Lawdragon* as among the "500 Leading Litigators in America" (2026)

Named by *LMG Life Sciences* as a U.S. Rising Star for Product Liability (2025)

Selected for *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under Hot List (2024-2025)

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Rising Star (2023-2025)

International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy Graduate

News

[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](#)

[Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Welcomes Betsy Farrington and Aleschia Hyde](#)

[Goldman Ismail Team Recognized as Law360's Legal Lions of the Week](#)

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[Goldman Ismail Wins Reversal Before Sixth Circuit in Detroit Property Tax Lawsuit](#)

[Goldman Ismail Helps AbbVie Secure Summary Judgment in Circuit Court of Cook County](#)

[Illinois Appellate Court Affirms Goldman Ismail Win of Summary Judgment for Medtronic, Inc.](#)

[Goldman Ismail Wins Summary Judgment for Medtronic, Inc.](#)

[Goldman Ismail Files Lawsuit on Behalf of 3M to Fight COVID-19 Price-Gouging Scams](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Complete Defense Jury Verdict in Pelvic Mesh Trial](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Important Asylum Victory](#)

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
