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Elizabeth and her team have been described by *The Legal 500* as "extraordinary." "Their commitment to achieving the best results for their clients is unwavering, and their level of preparation stands out even among the many other excellent law firms out there." - *The Legal 500, Chicago Elite (2025)*.

Elizabeth is a skilled litigator with two decades of experience defending major corporations in high-stakes litigation, including products liability cases, mass torts, and class actions. She has represented clients in a variety of industries—including medical device, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, and chemicals—through all phases of litigation, from pre-litigation risk assessments to trial and resolution. Elizabeth has taken and defended key medical and regulatory expert depositions in multi-plaintiff litigations. She is a go-to lawyer for developing a compelling company story, including by distilling the technical expertise of critical company witnesses into a persuasive and cohesive defense.

Elizabeth's enthusiasm for client service extends to her pro-bono practice, which has included obtaining the release of two incarcerated clients under the First Step Act, obtaining asylum for a Central American client who fled persecution in his home country, and representing low-income Chicagoans in adoption cases.

Prior to joining Goldman Ismail, Elizabeth was a litigation partner at another leading national law firm and completed a federal district court clerkship. Elizabeth earned her B.S. in Biology from Duke University, with a second major in Environmental Science and Policy, and her J.D. from the University of Virginia.

Representative Litigation

Essure Medical Device Litigation

National counsel for Bayer for thousands of product liability claims related to permanent birth control pending in multiple state and federal jurisdiction.

Foundry Explosion Claims

Expert/Science Team Lead for personal injury and property damage claims arising out of foundry explosion.

Hip Replacement Litigation

Expert and trial team member for MDL involving hip replacement devices.

Defibrillator Litigation

Expert team lead for litigation arising out of FDA's Class I recall of defibrillator leads.

Prescription Drug Litigation

Sales and marketing team member for litigation related to prescription drug used in cardiac surgery.

Lash-Perez v. Henkel et al.

Trial counsel in Cook County case involving alleged chemical exposure and birth defects, which resulted in a complete defense verdict.

Private Practice

Partner, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Of Counsel, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Associate, Sidley Austin LLP

Education

University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.)

- Graduation Award for Excellence in Health Law
- Notes Editor, Virginia Environmental Law Journal

Duke University (B.S.)

- Dean's List
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Judicial Clerkship

The Honorable Norman K. Moon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

Professional & Community Affiliations

Member, Board of Directors, Chicago, Volunteer Legal Services

Member, Friends of Prentice Women's Hospital

Director, Lincolnshire Swim Club Windjammers: Volunteer head of award-winning, regional youth summer swim team with 75+ swimmers (2015-2021)

Publications

["Expert Analysis: Sales Reps in the Operating Room: How to Manage the Risks,"](#) Law360, Co-Author (2023)

"Changing the Rules: Perspectives on the Civil Rules Committee," George Washington University School of Law Bench and Bar Conference, Panelist (2022)

["How Do You Protect Yourself When Your AI Makes Mistakes?"](#) MedTech Insight Podcast, Speaker (2021)

"Failure to Warn in Drug and Device Cases," Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Primer, Instructor (2018)

"Potential Legal Pitfalls for Developers of Health-Related Apps," M+DI Device Talk, Co-Author (2015)

Illinois Continuing Legal Education Chapter, Civil Procedure: Trying the Case – Post-Trial Motions, Co-Author (2022, 2019, 2012, 2009, 2005)

"The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act Turns Fifteen," *56 Food & Drug L.J.* 351, Author (2001)

Of Note

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

Recognized in *Lexology Index: Thought Leaders USA – Product Liability Defence* (2025)

Recognized in *Lexology Index: Product Regulation & Liability – Product Liability Defence* (2025)

Recognized in *Lexology Index: Healthcare & Life Sciences – Product Liability Defence* (2025)

News

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

[Goldman Ismail Elects Elizabeth Curtin to Partnership](#)

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
