



**Elizabeth C. Curtin**

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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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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)

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**Publications**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Bar & Court Admission**

State of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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