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"Shayna is a generational talent. She is one of the most exceptional trial lawyers trying cases in America today. She is incredibly smart, sophisticated, and connects easily with people and juries." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2025)

"Shayna Cook is organized, methodical and has a no-nonsense approach. She is really well liked by the jury because she is well prepared, and is an aggressive advocate for her clients." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2025)

"[Shayna Cook] is a really impressive lawyer, knowledgeable, reliable and dependable." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2025)

"She's a very good trial lawyer and does standout work." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2025)

"The excellent Shayna Cook is highly thought of by sources and is well known for her expertise handling complex multi-district litigation proceedings." - *Who's Who Legal* (recognized 2015-2025)

Shayna's extensive litigation experience, whether as lead counsel in large multidistrict litigation or as trial counsel in individual courts throughout the country, enables her to craft and execute a legal strategy tailored to get her clients the best results. Those results have included successful *Daubert* challenges leading to the elimination of thousands of cases nationwide and trial wins across the country. Shayna has also successfully argued key dispositive motions and taken/defended critical fact and expert witness depositions all over the world. Given her track record, it is no surprise that Shayna is entrusted to represent multinational clients across a wide range of high-stakes product liability, intellectual property, and general commercial litigation matters.

Representative Litigation

Paragard Product Liability Litigation

Lead trial counsel for Teva in MDL in Atlanta federal court related to Paragard IUD breakage. Initial bellwether trial in January 2026 resulted in a complete defense verdict.

Zantac Product Liability Litigation

Lead trial counsel for GSK in personal injury cases claiming GSK's prescription and over-the-counter medication caused cancer. Trial in Cook County Circuit Court in summer 2024 resulted in a unanimous defense verdict.

Roundup Products Liability Litigation

Trial counsel for Monsanto in Roundup litigation nationwide. Trial in St. Louis County in fall 2022 resulted in a complete defense verdict. Trials in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in February and November 2024 resulted in defense verdicts.

Hatch-Waxman Litigation

Lead trial counsel for Merck in Hatch-Waxman patent infringement action brought against sixteen groups of defendants related to Merck's Bridion® medicine for reversal of neuromuscular block. December 2022 trial led to judgment in favor of Merck, which was affirmed on appeal.

Union Carbide Corporation Asbestos Litigation

Trial counsel for Dow Chemical Company subsidiary Union Carbide in litigation involving asbestos. Trial in Cook County in spring 2022 and a second trial in summer 2022 both resulted in deadlocked jury before the case settled favorably on the eve of a third trial.

PFAS Environmental Litigation

National counsel and trial counsel for chemical manufacturer in thousands of environmental and products liability claims in state and federal courts nationwide brought by individuals, municipalities, and states alleging groundwater contamination and personal injury as individual claims, consolidated proceedings, and class actions.

Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation

Lead counsel for Bayer in thousands of lawsuits in two federal multidistrict litigations in New York and state courts around the country involving the Mirena® intrauterine device. Both MDLs resulted in the respective Courts excluding all of Plaintiffs' general causation expert testimony and granting summary judgment to Bayer.

Ethicon Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation

Trial counsel for Johnson & Johnson and Ethicon, Inc. in cases alleging personal injuries from the use of pelvic mesh products for the treatment of pelvic organ prolapse and stress incontinence. Delivered a successful result for Ethicon in trial in federal court in Chicago in August 2017. Days before trial was set to begin in Philadelphia in May 2019, the plaintiff voluntarily dismissed her claims with prejudice. Trial in Miami federal court in January 2020 resulted in a complete defense verdict.

Testosterone Replacement Therapy Litigation

Trial counsel for AbbVie in multidistrict litigation in Chicago claiming personal injuries allegedly caused by AbbVie's testosterone replacement product, AndroGel. In June 2018, a bellwether trial resulted in a complete defense verdict for AbbVie.

Private Practice

Partner, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan
& Baum LLP

Partner, Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar &
Scott LLP

Education

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

- Executive Note Editor, *The Michigan Law Review*
- Order of the Coif
- Clarence Darrow Scholar

Trinity University (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

- Murchison Scholar
- Commencement Speaker
- President, Trinity University Voluntary Action Group
- *Phi Beta Kappa*

Judicial Clerkship

Honorable Sam Sparks, United States District
Judge for the Western District of Texas

Professional & Community Affiliations

Member, International Association of Defense Counsel	Member, Board of Directors, Friends of Prentice
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Publications

Shayna Cook, Symone Shinton, [Updates on E-Cigarette Litigation and Practitioner Takeaways Related to Social Media Marketing](#), Product Liability IADC Committee Newsletter

Of Note

Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys, Crain's Chicago Business (2023)	IADC Trial Academy Faculty (2023)
Recognized in <i>Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders: USA</i> (2023)	Recognized in <i>Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence Lawyers</i> (2017-2024)
Recognized in <i>Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Defence Lawyers</i> (2015-2024)	Recognized in <i>Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Patent Litigation</i> (2024)
Named Practice Area Star by <i>LMG Life Sciences</i> for Product Liability (2020-2022)	Selected for <i>Crain's Chicago Business'</i> Notable Women in Law (2020)
Recognized in <i>Chambers Global</i> for Litigation Trial Lawyers (2024-2025)	Ranked by <i>Chambers USA</i> as a Nationwide Leading Individual in Product Liability & Mass Torts (2018-2025) and as a Leading Individual in Illinois General Commercial Litigation (2023-2025) and Illinois Product Liability Litigation (2025)
Ranked by <i>Chambers USA</i> as a Nationwide Leading Individual in Litigation Trial Lawyers (2023-2025)	Ranked by <i>The Legal 500</i> as a Leading Lawyer in Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (2021-2025)
Ranked by <i>Benchmark Litigation</i> as a National Practice Area Star (2018-2024)	Recognized as <i>Benchmark Litigation's</i> Top 250 Women in Litigation (2017, 2019-2024)
IADC Midyear Meeting, <i>Taking a Class Action to Trial</i> (Santa Barbara, CA, February 2019)	IADC Annual Meeting, <i>There Is No 'I' in 'Team': Embracing the Virtual Law Firm</i> (Quebec Canada, July 2017)
Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, Emerging Issues in Mass-Tort MDLs, <i>Expanding Extent of Information Provided Initially for Individual Claims Review</i> (Washington, DC, October 2016)	Recognized in <i>Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Defence Lawyers</i> (2015-2022)

Recognized in *Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence Lawyers* (2017-2022)

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)

[Recognized by Diversity MBA Magazine as one of 2013 Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive and Emerging Leaders](#) (2013)

International Association of Defense Counsel Webinar, *The Relevance of the FDA in Pharmaceutical Products Liability Trials in the Post-Levine World* (October 2011)

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Super Lawyer (2016-2025)

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Rising Star (2013-2015)

ACI Drug and Medical Device Litigation Conference, *Avoiding New Litigation Pitfalls Arising from Emergent Social Media* (New York, December 2011)

News

[Shayna Cook Named to Benchmark's 2026 List of Top 250 Women in Litigation](#)

[Shayna Cook Named to Bloomberg Law's 'Unrivaled' Litigators List](#)

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

[Shayna Cook and Rami Fakhouri named Litigators of the Week for Paragard Win](#)

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

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

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Earn Highest 2025 Rankings in The Legal 500](#)

[Goldman Ismail Partners Named to the Legal 500 Chicago Elite](#)

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

[Goldman Ismail's Shayna Cook Named to Benchmark's List of Top 250 Women in Litigation](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Another Zantac Victory for GSK](#)

[Goldman Ismail 2024 Chambers and Partners Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Top Legal500 Chicago Elite Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Earn Top-Tier Rankings in Legal 500 United States 2026](#)

[Shayna Cook Named to Forbes' Inaugural Top Women Lawyers in America List](#)

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

[Shayna Cook Inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers](#)

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[Goldman Ismail and Partners Earn Top Rankings in 2025 Chambers and Partners](#)

[Goldman Ismail Partners Receive Top Rankings in Chambers Global 2025](#)

[Goldman Ismail Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2025](#)

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

[Goldman Ismail 2024 Legal 500 Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures First Roundup Victory for Monsanto and Nouryon Surface Chemicals in Philadelphia](#)

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[Goldman Ismail Shortlisted for 2021 LMG Life Sciences Awards](#)

[Goldman Ismail Tops 2021 Chambers and Partners Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail Named Product Liability Firm of the Year for 2020 by LMG Life Sciences and Receives Top Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2021](#)

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

[Product Liability Committee Newsletter, "Updates on E-Cigarette Litigation and Practitioner Takeaways Related to Social Media Marketing"](#)

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

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2019](#)

[Goldman Ismail Secures Complete Defense Jury Verdict in AndroGel Bellwether Trial](#)

[Goldman Ismail and Partners Receive Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2018](#)

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

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

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

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

[Goldman Ismail Tops 2019 Chambers and Partners Rankings](#)

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

[Goldman Ismail Tops 2018 Chambers and Partners Rankings](#)

[Second Circuit Affirms Orders Dismissing All 1200+ Cases in Mirena Perforation 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 Once Again Tops Legal 500 Rankings](#)

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

[Goldman Ismail Lawyers Recognized for Excellence by Chambers and The Legal 500 in 2014](#)

[Shayna Cook named as Law360 Rising Star](#)

[Goldman Ismail Wins Summary Judgment for Imerys Talc](#)

[Shayna Cook Joins Goldman Ismail as a Partner in the Chicago Office](#)

[Goldman Ismail Wins Eleventh Circuit Appeal](#)

[Another Summary Judgment Victory for Goldman Ismail—New Jersey Court Grants Defense Motions In Major Consolidated Litigation](#)

[Goldman Ismail Successfully Opposes Consolidation in Mirena Litigation](#)

[Goldman Ismail named to The National Law Journal’s Litigation Boutiques Hot List](#)

[Law360 Q & A With Goldman Ismail’s Shayna Cook](#)

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit,
Federal Circuit, Eleventh Circuit

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

Federal Bar Association

State of Texas (inactive status)

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court for the Western District of
Texas

Other Experience

U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's
Honors Program, Trial Attorney
