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"Shayna Cook is increasingly recognized for her expert handling of high-stakes multidistrict litigation on behalf of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. Sources praise her for '*figuring out strategically how to take apart experts on the other side,*' as well as describing her as '*a natural trial lawyer.*'" - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2024)

"[Shayna Cook] is a really impressive lawyer, knowledgeable, reliable and dependable." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2024)

"She's a very good trial lawyer and does standout work." - *Chambers USA* (ranked 2018-2024)

"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 2015-2024)

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

Zantac Product Liability Litigation

Lead trial counsel for GSK in personal injury cases claiming GSK's prescription and over-the-counter medication caused cancer.

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. Trial in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in February 2024 resulted in a unanimous defense verdict.

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.

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

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 *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders: USA* (2023)

Recognized in *Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence Lawyers* (2017-2024)

Recognized in *Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Defence Lawyers* (2015-2024)

Recognized in *Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Patent Litigation* (2024)

Named Practice Area Star by *LMG Life Sciences* for Product Liability (2020-2022)

Selected for *Crain's Chicago Business'* Notable Women in Law (2020)

Ranked by *Chambers USA* as a Nationwide Leading Individual in Product Liability & Mass Torts (2018-2023) and as a Leading Individual in Illinois General Commercial Litigation (2023)

Ranked by *Chambers USA* as a Nationwide Leading Individual in Litigation Trial Lawyers (2023)

Ranked by *The Legal 500* as a Leading Lawyer in Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (2021-2022)

Ranked by *Benchmark Litigation* as a National Practice Area Star (2018-2023)

Recognized as *Benchmark Litigation's* Top 250 Women in Litigation (2017, 2019-2023)

IADC Midyear Meeting, *Taking a Class Action to Trial* (Santa Barbara, CA, February 2019)

IADC Annual Meeting, *There Is No 'I' in 'Team': Embracing the Virtual Law Firm* (Quebec Canada, July 2017)

Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, Emerging Issues in Mass-Tort MDLs, *Expanding Extent of Information Provided Initially for Individual Claims Review* (Washington, DC, October 2016)

Recognized in *Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences Defence Lawyers* (2015-2022)

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

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Super Lawyer (2016-2023)

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

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

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

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

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

News

[Goldman Ismail 2024 Legal 500 Rankings](#)

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

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

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

[Goldman Ismail Partners Named to Benchmark's List of Top 250 Women in Litigation and the 40 & Under Hot List](#)

[Goldman Ismail Helps Merck Secure Patent Infringement Victory](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Second Circuit Affirms Mirena MDL Dismissals](#)

[Goldman Ismail Once Again Tops Legal 500 Rankings](#)

[Goldman Ismail Wins Eleventh Circuit Appeal](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

State of Texas (inactive status)

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

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

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

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

Federal Bar Association

Other Experience

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