



## PAUL S. ROSENBLATT

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*As a member of the Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Healthcare Group, Paul defends pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in mass tort and individual cases pending in various state and federal venues throughout the country.*

### ABOUT PAUL

Paul Rosenblatt assists in leading the national expert team in the pelvic mesh litigation and has selected and developed experts, taken and defended expert witness depositions, and prepared experts for trials. He focuses his practice on the representation and defense of manufacturers in products liability litigation, with an emphasis on complex pharmaceutical medical device litigation in both state and federal courts, including multidistrict litigation. As a key member of the national case work-up, expert, and trial teams in one of the largest multidistrict litigations in history, Paul has provided on-site trial support to lead trial counsel in more than ten federal and state court pelvic mesh trials, including taking on responsibility for handling company witness preparation and deposition designations, development of case strategy, arguing motions *in limine*. He is involved in all aspects of fact and expert discovery and regularly deposes plaintiffs, prescribing physicians, other treating physicians and medical experts.

Paul has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® and *Mississippi Business Journal's* Top 50 Leaders in Law, and is a graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy. He is active in a number of professional organizations, including currently serving on the Board of Directors of Jackson Young Lawyers.

### PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Drug and Device Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation
- Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Healthcare

### EXPERIENCE

- Assists in leading the national expert team in the pelvic mesh litigation and has selected and developed experts, taken and defended expert witness depositions, and prepared experts for trials.
- Involved in all aspects of fact and expert discovery and regularly deposes plaintiffs, prescribing physicians, other treating physicians and medical experts.

- Provided on-site trial support to lead trial counsel in more than 10 federal and state court pelvic mesh trials, including assisting with development of trial strategy, coordinating deposition designations of company witnesses, arguing objections to deposition designations and motions in limine, preparing company and expert witnesses, assisting with preparation of cross examinations of plaintiffs' case specific and general causation experts, and all aspects of fact and expert discovery.
- *Salinero v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Florida Federal Court, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2020 – two week trial that resulted in a complete defense verdict)
- *Emmet v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2019 – eight week trial)
- *McFarland v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2018 – three week trial that resulted in a hung jury)
- *Beltz v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2017 – three week trial in which the jury rejected the vast majority of plaintiff's claims, awarding only compensatory damages)
- *Herrera v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Illinois Federal Court, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2017 – two week trial that resulted in the jury rejecting the vast majority of plaintiff's claims, awarding only past medical expenses)
- *Stone v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Arizona Federal Court, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2017 – settled after two weeks of trial)
- *Engleman v. Johnston & Johnson, et al.* – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2017 – three week trial)
- *Hammons v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2015 – three week trial)
- *Bellew v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – West Virginia Federal MDL, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2015 – settled after two weeks of trial)
- *Budke v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Missouri State Court, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2015 – settled after three weeks of trial; directed verdict for the defense on failure to warn and punitive damages claims)
- *Huskey v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – West Virginia Federal MDL, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2014 – two week trial that resulted in compensatory damages but no punitive damages)
- *Batiste v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – Texas State Court, Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2014 – three week trial that resulted on defense verdict on appeal)
- *Lewis v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* – First Bellwether MDL Trial in Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2014 – one week trial that resulted in directed verdict for defense and affirmed on appeal)

- *Gross v. Johnson & Johnson et al.* – New Jersey Pelvic Mesh Litigation (2013 – eight week trial that resulted in a mixed verdict)
- Second Chair Trial Counsel; Obtained a favorable judgement granting easement rights following a two day property dispute trial in Oxford, Mississippi. *Samuels Construction, LLC et al. v. Sinha et al.* (2019)

## **DISTINCTIONS**

- Top 50 Leaders in the Law, *Mississippi Business Journal*, 2015
- Coach, Mississippi College School of Law's National Trial Competition Teams, 2015
- Graduate, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy, Stanford Law School, 2016
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2019-2021
- Eagle Scout
- *Benchmark Litigation*
  - Member of the team selected as nationwide Product Liability Firm of the Year, 2018

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Mississippi, 2012
- U.S. District Courts
  - Mississippi: Northern, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals
  - 5th Circuit
- Admitted *pro hac vice* in several states throughout the country.

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Federal Bar Association
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association
- Capital Area Bar Association
- Jackson Young Lawyers
  - Board of Directors

## EDUCATION & HONORS

- Mississippi College, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012
  - Trial Advocacy Chair, Moot Court Board
  - Best Paper Award, Appellate Advocacy
  - Frisby Griffing Marble Scholarship
  - Founder/President, Business Law Group
  - National Trial Competition Team
  - Order of Barristers
  - Charles Clark American Inn of Court
- Mississippi College, M.B.A., 2012
- Longwood University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2005

## PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, "Intersection of Medical Devices and Software: Mitigation the Cybersecurity Threats of Connected Medical Devices," Presentation to the American Intellectual Property Law Association, Virtual Spring Meeting, May 2020.
- Speaker, "Health Law Speaker Series: Complex Drug and Device Litigation," Mississippi College School of Law, October 2019.
- Co-Author, "Methodology Matters," *The Voice*, Vol. 17, Issue 43, November 7, 2018.
- Author, "Fighting the Failure-to-Warn Claim: How Medical Literature Could be Your Greatest Weapon," Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, *The Quarterly*, Spring 2018.
- Author, "[Cybersecurity Threats in Healthcare](#)," *Pro Te: Solutio*, Vol. 10 No. 4, January 2018.
- Speaker, "New FDA Guidance on Medical Device Cybersecurity Management: Addressing Insecurity of Medical Things," Webinar, August 2017.
- Author, "[Like it or Not? The FDA is Following Social Media](#)" *Pro Te: Solutio*, Vol. 7 No. 4, 23-29, December 2014.
- Co-Author, "[Plaintiffs and Courts are Increasingly Adopting Predictive Coding Because of its Reliability: Should your Company Consider it for your Litigation?](#)" *Pro Te: Solutio*, Vol. 6 No. 3, 13-17, September 2013.
- Author, "How to Obtain Social Media Discovery Effectively without Overstepping Any Ethical Boundaries," DRI's *The Whisper: Newsletter of the Young Lawyers Committee*, Vol. 9, Issue 6/7, September 2013.
- Speaker, "Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web," National Business Institute CLE, May 2013.