



Sarah Johnston is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Barnes & Thornburg, where she is the co-chair of the Drug and Medical Device Practice, within the firm's Product Liability and Mass Tort practice group. Sarah focuses on the defense of manufacturers and supply chain entities in complex product liability matters, with an emphasis on pharmaceutical, medical device, and consumer product litigations.

A skilled advocate and creative problem-solver, Sarah works enthusiastically to understand and master the products she is entrusted to defend, whether in a single-plaintiff case or a mass tort setting. Sarah's clients frequently request her counsel on complex scientific, engineering, and regulatory matters, in and out of the courtroom. Sarah also has extensive first- and second-chair trial experience, defending high-stakes product liability matters on behalf of major manufacturers and downstream supply chain entities

In the community, Sarah serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice. She is also an associate member of Lawyers for Civil Justice and serves on the organization's Third Party Litigation Funding Committee.

Sarah earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law and her B.A. from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Sarah is admitted to practice in the state of California; before the U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California; and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Honors

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EDUCATION

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
Drug and Medical Device
Product Liability and Mass Torts
Toxic Substances and Other Torts

INDUSTRIES

Healthcare

