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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Carolyn Frantz joined Bartlit Beck in 2005, becoming a Partner in 2008. Prior to joining the firm, she was a professor at the University of Chicago Law School. She earned two law degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and graduated at the top of her class at the University of Michigan Law School. She clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court and Judge David S. Tatel of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Her practice focuses on legal strategy, critical motions and appellate issues in complex and multidistrict litigation. She is a frequent speaker on appellate and products liability issues.

CASES TRIED OR OTHERWISE TAKEN TO JUDGMENT

In re Teflon Products Liability Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, S. Dist. of Iowa)

Defeated certification of more than twenty proposed class actions brought by consumers who purchased cookware made with DuPont's non-stick cookware coatings.

Chinese Drywall Litigation (various courts)

Represented Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC in putative class actions alleging that building products manufactured by Georgia-Pacific caused damage in homes. Cases dismissed.

Convolve et al. v. Compaq and Seagate (U.S. District Court, S. Dist. of New York)

Obtained summary judgment for Compaq (now Hewlett-Packard) in patent and trade secret dispute.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Imprelis® Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, E.D. Pennsylvania)

Representing DuPont in putative class actions alleging property damage from use of herbicide.

EDUCATION & HONORS

University of Michigan Law School, 2000, J.D., *summa cum laude*

Bates Prize (the law school's highest honor for graduating students)

Articles Editor, *Michigan Law Review*

Darrow Scholarship

Oxford University, Pembroke College, 1997, B.A., M.St. in Jurisprudence

Rhodes Scholar

Wake Forest University, 1994, B.A., *summa cum laude*, with Honors in Philosophy

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court, 2001-2002

Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable David S. Tatel, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2000-2001

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BARTLIT BECK HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Illinois

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Assistant Professor,
University of Chicago Law
School, 2003-2005

Alexander Fellow, New
York University Law
School, 2002-2003

In re Genetically Modified Rice Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, E.D. Missouri)

Representing Bayer regarding appellate issues in on-going nationwide litigation.

Polo v. Federal Signal Corporation (Illinois)

Representing Federal Signal on appeal in litigation regarding firefighter alleged hearing loss from emergency-vehicle sirens.

In re Baycol Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, Dist. Minnesota)

Representing Bayer in litigation resulting from withdrawal of Baycol®, including *Smith v. Bayer*, in the U.S. Supreme Court's 2010-2011 term, and *United States ex rel. Simpson*, a qui tam action.

In re Bayer Corp. Combination Aspirin Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, E. Dist. of New York)

Representing Bayer in numerous proposed class actions brought by consumers who purchased aspirin products.

In re Factor VIII or IX Concentrate Blood Products Litigation (MDL, U.S. District Court, N. Dist. of Illinois)

Representing Bayer in ongoing world-wide litigation alleging infection with HIV and hepatitis C from blood-based derivatives used to treat hemophilia. Won several *forum non conveniens* dismissals.

NEWS

Bartlit Beck Secures End of Consumer Fraud MDL for DuPont

Court Denies Class Certification in Teflon MDL

BIG WINS

Bartlit Beck Defeats \$5 Billion Class Action Claim, *In re Teflon Products Liability Litigation* (2009)

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