



ASSOCIATE

## Marsha Ellen Harris



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Marsha Harris has extensive experience litigating catastrophic and high-profile cases in both state and federal courts.

Marsha handles matters from inception through trial, including development and implementation of defense strategies, drafting and arguing pre-trial, dispositive, and trial motions, deposing expert and fact witnesses, and preparing witnesses for trial. Marsha understands that the law evolves as the world changes. She stays informed of the changing legal landscape and engaged with the evolving field. Marsha's experience and abilities have allowed her to obtain the best possible results for her clients throughout her career through mediation, dispositive motion practice, and trial.

Marsha has successfully defended clients against property damage, product liability, and personal injury claims. She has also represented hotels in premises liability actions, including claims for negligent security. Before joining Zausmer, Marsha was a partner with a national insurance defense firm, as well as an analyst in the Toxic Tort Department of a major insurance company. There, she was considered an expert in the area of lead paint law and defended matters against some of the top law firms in both downstate and upstate New York. She has extensive experience in defending against the intricacies claimed in such cases, including brain damage and its sequela from neurologic and neuropathologic perspectives. Her proficiency in early assessment of liability and damages has resulted in reaching nominal settlements in early stages of litigation. Marsha was also a contributor to *The Lawyer's Guide to Lead Paint, Asbestos and Chinese Drywall*.

Marsha is admitted to practice law in Michigan, New York, and Massachusetts. She has briefed and argued appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and in District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of New York and the First, Second, and Fourth Departments of New York's Appellate Divisions.

Marsha received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Michigan State University and her law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Defense  
Sexual Misconduct Coverage & Defense

### EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law,  
Juris Doctor, 2000

Michigan State University,  
Bachelor of Arts, Communication, 1997

### BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan  
State of Massachusetts  
State of New York  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts  
U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

### PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan  
State Bar of Massachusetts  
State Bar of New York  
Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

### PUBLICATIONS

*"The Lawyer's Guide to Lead Paint Asbestos and Chinese Drywall,"* Contributor



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