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Ashley focuses her practice on railroad defense, with a particular emphasis on the Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) and occupational disease litigation. She has been a member of several trial teams obtaining defense verdicts in FELA litigation. In addition, she is well versed in matters relating to product liability and general litigation, including medical malpractice and nursing home defense, as well as insurance defense. She litigates cases in multiple state and federal courts across the country.

Her previous experience includes practicing at a firm specializing in defense of Class I and short line railroads including Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Conrail, as well as other companies, suppliers, and manufactures, in a variety of complex toxic and mass tort claims involving occupational injuries under FELA.

Ashley was selected as a 2020 Fellow by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) where she joined a select group of young attorneys carefully chosen to participate in a landmark, year-long program created by the LCLD to identify, train, and advance the next generation of leaders in the legal profession.

Ashley graduated from Duquesne University School of Law in 2011, where she received the Outstanding Appellate Brief and Oral Argument Award and served as Secretary in the Black Law Students Association. While in law school, she studied abroad in Vatican City during the summer of 2009. Ashley received a B.A. in History and Psychology in May 2008 from Case Western Reserve University. At Case Western, she was actively involved in athletics, serving as the Varsity Women's Basketball Team Captain from 2006-2008 and Case Association for Student Athletes Spirit and Blue Chair. She was also honored by the university with the Dorothy L. Hoza Award in 2007 for her strong contribution to the Women's Intercollegiate Sports Program and the Nancy Gray Rookie of the Year Award in 2005.

Ashley is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio.

## Experience

Obtained an award in our client's favor in an international franchise arbitration matter centered on the termination by our client of a 26-year franchise relationship covering 100 franchise locations in Malaysia and Taiwan, along with related development and distribution agreements, for which the opposition sought \$34 million in damages. After more than two years of litigation and nine days of hearing, with witnesses coming in from China, Singapore, and various states in the United States, the tribunal found that the franchisee was entitled to no damages and our client was entitled to recover on its counterclaims for lost profits and unpaid royalties. In addition, the tribunal entered a permanent injunction directing the claimants, *inter alia*, to transfer all product registrations using our client's trademarks and related tradenames at no charge to our client.

Secured separate Emergency Interim Awards in two international arbitrations, under which a mandatory injunction was entered to restore the status quo that the parties enjoyed prior to the breach of distributor agreements by one group of distributors in Singapore and a second group in the Philippines. The distributor in Singapore was furthered ordered to pay in advance for product monthly.

## Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Transportation & Logistics Litigation

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 2011
- Case Western Reserve University, B.A., 2008

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Ohio

## Affiliations

Irma Jones Preschool Board of Directors,  
Board Member

## Awards & Honors

- Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity, 2020 Fellow

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