

Valerie L. Dixon

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Overview

Valerie Dixon is a trial lawyer whose state and federal trial practice encompasses the areas of product liability defense, insurance defense, medical malpractice, and general civil litigation. Her primary focus is discovery, serving as part of the national discovery team for product liability cases for Ford Motor Company, including several complex class actions. Her work includes drafting of discovery responses, discovery-related motions, affidavits, and federal joint discovery plans, as well as conducting interviews and participating in deposition preparation of client-employees and collecting and producing large volumes of documents. She has also been part of the trial team for several asbestos cases, which included drafting of motions in limine, motions for directed verdict, and responses to motions for new trial. Valerie has courtroom experience arguing motions and conducting settlement hearings, and has also drafted multiple appellate briefs.

Valerie's achievements have earned her inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* (appellate practice; commercial litigation; mass tort litigation/class actions – defendants; personal injury litigation; defendants; product liability litigation – defendants).

The Missouri native is a three-time graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia. She graduated *magna cum laude* with her bachelor's degree in business administration, with an emphasis in marketing, in 2008 before going on to earn her Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in 2010 and her Juris Doctor in 2013. While in law school, she served as an editor of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution* and had two journal articles published. She also served as vice magister of Tiedeman Inn, the University's chapter of the Phi Delta Phi honor society.

Upon graduation from the University of Missouri School of Law, she joined the law firm of Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer & Patton, PC, where she worked for four years prior to joining McAfee & Taft.

Admissions

Missouri, 2013

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth District

Education

J.D., University of Missouri, 2013
Note and Comment Editor, *Journal of Dispute Resolution*; Vice Magister, Tiedeman Inn; Phi Delta Phi

M.B.A., University of Missouri, 2010

B.S.B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Missouri, 2008

Professional Organizations and Memberships

Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association

Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

Defense Research Institute

Honors and Awards

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* (appellate practice; commercial litigation; mass tort litigation/class actions – defendants; personal injury litigation; defendants; product liability litigation – defendants)