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#### **Related Services**

Litigation • Products Liability • Toxic Torts • Commercial • Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation • FDA/Food, Drug & Device • Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources

Jenny Hergenrother leverages her products liability and complex litigation trial experience to guide clients through disputes that affect bottom lines. Serving as trial counsel and defending clients in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases, toxic tort mass actions, and class actions, Jenny masters highly technical and scientific details for her industrial and manufacturing clients. She was named to the 2015–2024 Georgia Rising Stars lists by *Super Lawyers* magazine, an award given to lawyers nominated by their peers. She has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in "Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants" and "Products Liability Litigation – Defendants."

Jenny demonstrates a commitment to her community, serving on the board of Anti-Defamation League (Southeast) and Soccer in the Streets (SITS). Jenny chairs the SITS Community Engagement Committee and leads a task force to increase women's program participation. Jenny also provides pro bono representation to indigent clients in various civil and criminal cases, including before the Eleventh Circuit on numerous occasions.

### **Representative Experience**

- Secured a defense verdict in a month-long jury trial in state court in San Francisco related to alleged PCE groundwater contamination in the City of Modesto.
- First-chaired an \$80 million arbitration for a truck and trailer rental company.
- Second-chaired a \$125 million bench trial for an automotive component supplier.
- Second-chaired a trial on behalf of a Fortune 500 appliance manufacturer and obtained a favorable verdict.
- Obtained summary judgment and a denial of class certification in putative class actions for a Fortune 10 OEM.
- Obtained summary judgment for a Fortune 50 computer manufacturer in a nationwide class action regarding allegedly defective computers.
- Obtained summary judgment for a prominent OTC drug manufacturer in a personal injury case in federal court.
- Representing a national health care wholesaler in a wrongful death case.
- Representing an API manufacturer and raw material supplier in the *In re National Prescription Opiate MDL* and related opioid litigation.
- Representing a leading medical sterilization company in a public nuisance lawsuit brought by a state attorney general.
- Representing chemical company in toxic tort action brought by municipality related to alleged PCE contamination.

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- Representing a power company in toxic tort mass action related to alleged contamination and injuries caused by coal ash.
- Representing manufacturing client in toxic tort mass action related to alleged contamination and injuries caused by TCE.
- Represented a private utility in a class action related to allegedly contaminated drinking water.
- Defended a prominent paint company in a putative nationwide consumer class action.
- Defended a plumbing products company in a nationwide warranty class action.

### **Publications & Presentations**

#### Publications

- "3 Principles For Minimizing The Risk Of A Nuclear Verdict," *Law360*, February 14, 2024.
- "Good-Faith Considerations for Bad-Faith Insurance (Holt) Litigation in Georgia," Daily Report, September 7, 2023.
- "When a Home Is More Than a Place to Sleep [In Service]," *Daily Report*, November 13, 2015.
- "3D Printed Medical Devices: More Lawsuits and More Questions," *Bloomberg BNA Medical Devices Law & Industry Report,* February 4, 2015.
- "3-D Printing Meets Strict Liability in the Auto Industry," *Law360*, December 8, 2014.
- "Class Action Certification Got Tougher in 2014," *The National Law Journal*, December 8, 2014.
- "All You Can Eat: Food and Beverage Class Actions in 2014," *Bloomberg BNA Product Safety & Liability Reporter*, October 6, 2014.
- "Food for Thought? Chew on These Class Action Trends," *Law360*, September 2, 2014.

### **Professional & Community Engagement**

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) (2023–present)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy, graduate (2019)
- Soccer in the Streets, advisory board (2018–present)
- Anti-Defamation League (Southeast), advisory board (2023–present)
- Fulton County Boys & Girls Club, advisory board (2018–2023)
- Back on My Feet, advisory board (2013–2015)
- Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court (2014–2016)

#### Education

- Washington University in St. Louis (J.D., 2009)
- Duke University (A.B., 2006)

#### **Admitted to Practice**

Georgia