



**Rebecca Trela is a trial lawyer and former journalist who brings strategic thinking, focus and practicality to complex disputes. She defends multinational and Fortune 500 companies against product liability and other tort claims, including allegations of deceptive trade practices, off-label promotion, and common-law fraud.**

Rebecca has successfully represented pharmaceutical, medical device, and consumer goods companies at trial and mediation, through dispositive motion practice, and in pre-suit negotiations. She has experience preparing company executives on key safety, regulatory, and scientific issues for sworn testimony, and has served as national and local counsel in more than half a dozen mass tort proceedings.

Her practice also encompasses commercial disputes, bad faith litigation, and the defense of agricultural, aviation, and industrial manufacturers.

As an advocate, Rebecca is a creative collaborator often asked by her colleagues to “reach across the aisle” and negotiate favorable terms on behalf of one or more defendants. She views litigation strategy through the lens of her clients’ overall business goals, and capably pivots to explore new avenues when effective and necessary.

A portion of Rebecca’s practice is dedicated to helping the underserved. She has provided pro bono representation to abused and neglected children, physically and mentally incapacitated adults, and prisoners pursuing civil rights claims.

## Professional and Community Involvement

President, Drexel Law School Alumni Council, 2020-2022

Pro Bono Panel Counsel, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Pro Bono Counsel, Support Center for Child Advocates

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### EDUCATION

Drexel University School of Law, (J.D.),  
cum laude, 2012

Ohio University, (B.S.), journalism, cum  
laude, 2006

### BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District  
of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the District of New  
Jersey

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Colorado

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Pro Bono Counsel, Legal Aid of Southeast PA Clemency Project

Former Pro Bono Counsel, Legal Clinic for the Disabled

Member, Defense Research Institute

Member, Drexel University American Inn of Court

Member, Philadelphia Bar Association

## **Honors**

The Best Lawyers in America Ones to Watch, Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, 2023-2024

The Legal Intelligencer Lawyers on the Fast Track, 2024