

## CLAIRE BREAUX VENTOLA

SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Product Liability  
Premises & Retail Liability  
Construction Injury Litigation  
Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation  
Employment Law  
Catastrophic Claims Litigation

### CONTACT INFO

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### ADMISSIONS

Louisiana  
1995

U.S. District Court, Eastern District  
of Louisiana  
1995

U.S. District Court, Middle District  
of Louisiana  
1995

U.S. District Court Western District  
of Louisiana  
1995

Pennsylvania  
2008

U.S. District Court District of New  
Jersey  
2008

New Jersey  
2012

U.S. District Court Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania  
2010

### EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law  
(J.D., 1995)

Northwestern State University  
(B.A., magna cum laude, 1992)

### OVERVIEW

Claire has extensive experience in the defense of complex litigation and general casualty cases involving product liability, premises liability, construction (representing contractors, subcontractors and product manufacturers) and personal injury. She has also defended automobile cases, breach of contract cases, real estate appraisal cases and toxic tort cases involving benzene, asbestos and silica.

Currently, Claire represents a major elevator and escalator manufacturer in Pennsylvania and an automatic door manufacturer in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She also has experience representing manufacturers of HVAC systems, pesticides and chemical products, commercial appliances and respiratory protective equipment, as well as experience in defending a variety of defendants in general negligence cases.

Upon obtaining her *juris doctor* from Boston University in 1995, Claire worked as a judicial clerk for the Supreme Court of Louisiana until 1996. Thereafter, she was a shareholder at the defense law firm of Duplass, Zwain, Bourgeois, Pfister & Weinstock in the greater New Orleans, Louisiana area, where she practiced for 12 years. Claire has been with Marshall Dennehey since 2008.

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

#### Immune or Not Immune? That Is the Question

**Philadelphia - Headquarters**  
**General Liability**  
**Workers' Compensation**  
**October 1, 2020**  
Defense Digest, Vol. 26, No.

#### Park and Cross At Your Own Risk

**Philadelphia - Headquarters**  
**General Liability**  
**September 1, 2017**  
Defense Digest, Vol. 23, No. 3, September 2017 By Claire B. Ventola, Esq.\* Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 23, No. 3, September 2017. Defense Digest is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal developments of interest to our readers.

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## **ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association, 1995

Louisiana State Bar Association, 1995

New Jersey Bar Association, 2012

Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2008

Philadelphia Bar Association, 2013

## **CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT**

*Personal Injury Law From Start to Finish: Law and Legislative Update*, Sterling Educational Seminars, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2015

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Park and Cross At Your Own Risk," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 23, No. 3, September 2017 and *Counterpoint*, January 2018

"The General Standards of OSHA and ANSI Do Not Preempt State Tort Claims Against Product Manufacturers in Pennsylvania," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 16, No. 2, June 2010

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## **YEAR JOINED**

2008