

Ashley W. Hardin

Partner

Ashley Hardin focuses on complex civil matters and has litigated cases at both the trial and appellate level. A substantial portion of Ashley's practice includes representing corporations and individuals in False Claims Act cases, and other fraud cases, including in state and federal government investigations. In her False Claims Act and government investigations work, Ashley has represented clients in the health care and telecommunications industries. In 2016, Ashley was named a *Law360* "Rising Star" for health care law. Ashley also has considerable experience representing pharmaceutical manufacturers in product liability litigation, including class actions and multi-district litigation.

A native of North Carolina, Ashley graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1999, where she was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Ashley graduated *magna cum laude* with a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004, where she was the winner of the 2002 Leahy Moot Court Competition and an editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*. She joined Williams & Connolly in 2004. Ashley is a member of the firm's Women's Initiative.

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Ashley's experience includes:

- Winning summary judgment on behalf of Omnicare, Inc., in *qui tam* litigation concerning procedures for accounts receivable collections for prescription drug services and now representing Omnicare in an appeal filed by opposing counsel.
- Securing dismissal of a False Claims Act case against Liberty Medical Supply Inc. in a suit claiming Liberty failure to refund the government more than \$60 million in alleged overpayments for medical supplies.
- Winning the first MDL trial in the hormone therapy litigation for Wyeth (now Pfizer) in a suit brought by a woman claiming that the medication caused her breast cancer.
- Representing students falsely accused of sexual assault in appeal of civil rights litigation brought against public officials.



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Education

Georgetown University Law Center,
J.D., magna cum laude, 2004:
Order of the Coif; Senior
Administrative Editor, Georgetown
Law Journal; Winner, 2002 Leahy
Moot Court Competition
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, B.A., with highest distinction,
1999: Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Focus

False Claims Act and Qui Tam
Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Criminal Defense and Government
Investigations
Class Action
Commercial Litigation
Health Care Fraud
Insurance Disputes
Supreme Court and Appellate
Litigation
Products Liability, Torts, and Medicine

Recognitions

"Rising Star in Health," *Law360*, 2016

"D.C.'s Top 40 Lawyers Under 40,"

Resources

Presentations

- *Ashley Hardin Moderates Panel at 2019 Qui Tam Conference*, February 2019

Trending 40, 2016

Admissions

Virginia

District of Columbia

United States Court of Appeals for the
First, Fourth, and Fifth Circuits

United States District Court for the
District of Columbia and Eastern
District of Virginia

Government Service

Staff Assistant; Legislative

Correspondent; Legislative

Assistant, United States

Congressman Robin Hayes, 2000-
2001