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Biography

Practices & Sectors

Commercial Litigation

Insurance

Business Torts

Contract Disputes

Real Estate Litigation

Product Liability

Commercial Class
Action Defense

Labor & Employment

Consumer Financial
Services Litigation

Ms. McDonald is counsel in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. She represents clients in class actions and complex commercial litigation. Ms. McDonald has extensive experience helping clients resolve business and commercial disputes. Ms. McDonald's practice includes litigation on business torts, contractual disputes, consumer fraud, products liability, and insurance matters, including coverage and bad faith. She also has experience litigating patent disputes, employment matters, and financial services claims. Ms. McDonald has represented clients before the United States Supreme Court, the federal appeals and district courts, and various state and local courts.

Education

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School (2003)
summa cum laude
Dean Joseph O'Meara Award
Dame Law Review
Dean's Fellowship
- B.A., Pensacola Christian College (1996)
summa cum laude

Admissions

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Georgia

Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Affiliations

- American Bar Association

Representative Engagements

- *Lingle v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc.*, 544 U.S. 528 (2005)
- *Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Saudi Basic Industries Corp.*, 544 U.S. 280 (2005)

- *Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd.*, 472 F.3d 949 (7th Cir. 2007)
- *Cottenham v. Jamrog*, 248 Fed. Appx. 625 (6th Cir. 2007)
- *Motionless Keyboard Co. v. Microsoft Corp.*, 184 Fed. Appx. 967 (Fed. Cir. 2006)
- *Blinson v. North Carolina*, 2006 WL 6342964 (N.C. Super. Ct. 2006)
- *Mount Vernon Fire Ins. Co. v. Nat'l Fire Ins. Co.*, Case No. 07-CV-01593 (M.D. Fla.)
- *Continental Insurance Co. v. Roberts*, Case No. 8:05-CV-1658 (M.D. Fla.)
- *In re Barber*, Case No. 07-60583 (S.D. Fla.)
- *Nygaard Holdings Ltd. v. Greer*, Case No. 3:09-CV-135 (E.D. Va.)
- *Book Wholesalers Inc. v. District of Columbia*, Case No. 2009 SC3 002890 (D.C. Super. Ct.)

Publications

- Louis K. Fisher & Esther Slater McDonald, Supreme Court Decision: *Regulatory Takings*, ENGAGE Volume 6, Issue 1 (May 2005)
- Esther Slater McDonald, *Patenting Human Life and the Rebirth of the Thirteenth Amendment*, 78 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1359 (2003)