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PRACTICES

- Products Liability

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Aviation Litigation
- Class Action and Multidistrict Litigation
- Consumer Fraud/17200 Class Actions
- Environmental Torts, Class Actions and Public Nuisance Litigation
- Food, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Law
- Life Sciences Aspects of Products Liability
- Medical Devices
- Medical Monitoring
- Pharmaceuticals
- Preemption
- Products Liability and Class Actions Appeals
- Products Liability Class Action Litigation
- Toxic Spills and Toxic Torts

ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- Connecticut, 1990
- Illinois, 1991
- Pennsylvania, 1990
- U.S. District Court, N.D. of Illinois - General, 1991
- District of Columbia, 2007

EDUCATION

- Yale Law School (J.D., 1988)
- Yale University (B.A., 1983, *summa cum laude*)

CLERKSHIPS

- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, Jose A. Cabranes, 1988-1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, Ralph K. Winter, 1989-1990

LORY BARSDATE EASTON is a partner in the Product Liability and Mass Tort Litigation group in Sidley's Washington, D.C., office. Ms. Easton's litigation practice focuses on complex and mass tort litigation and includes national coordination of the defense in federal MDL and related state court litigation and class actions, including class action and mass tort settlements. Ms. Easton has extensive experience in pharmaceutical and blood products litigation and has defended manufacturers in medical device matters. Her aviation practice has included representation of defendants in personal injury and wrongful death cases arising from major airline accidents, including United Airlines Flight 232 in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1989, Garuda Indonesia Flight 421 in Indonesia in 2002, and Lion Air Flight 538 in Indonesia in 2004. Ms. Easton also has served as coordinating counsel in toxic tort cases involving indoor air quality, including alleged mold exposure. She advises corporate clients on torts liability issues, including litigation overseas. Ms. Easton also is a member of the Sidley E-Discovery Task Force; she advises clients on legal and practical issues relating to discovery and has conducted lawyer training on e-discovery issues.

Ms. Easton received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Yale College in 1983 with Distinction in the Linguistics Major and also received an award as Outstanding Freshman Chemist at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She received her Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 1988. Ms. Easton served as Managing Editor of the Yale Law Journal, and she is the author of "Attorney-Client Privilege for the Government Entity," 97 Yale Law Journal 1725 (1988). She clerked for the Honorable José A. Cabranes, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1988-89, and for the Honorable Ralph K. Winter, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1989-90. Ms. Easton serves on the Seventh Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instructions Committee. She also has served as the Northern District of Illinois Liaison Representative for the Seventh

Circuit Bar Association and has chaired the Rules and Practice Committee for that Association. Ms. Easton is the author of "Getting Out of Dodge: Defense Pointers on Jurisdictional Issues in Aviation Torts Litigation," 20 Air & Space Lawyer 3:9 (2006), and is co-author of a book chapter on jurisdictional issues in Litigating the Aviation Case - The Legal Issues, 3d Edition (2008). Ms. Easton has been a seminar speaker on numerous torts topics including jurisdictional issues in transnational torts litigation, discovery issues for multinational corporate entities, defending wrongful death actions, forum non conveniens, mold litigation trends, punitive damages, attorney-client privilege, the "second injury" rule, and revival of statutes of limitations, as well as on e-discovery and legal ethics issues. Ms. Easton serves as Co-Chair of Sidley's DC office Diversity Committee.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- 7th Circuit Bar Association
- International Aviation Women's Association