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Areas Of Practice

Litigation

Class Action Defense

Appellate and Complex Motion Practice

Industries

Food & Beverage

Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States, 2019

Michigan, 1999

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1999

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2001

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 2020

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2020

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, 2012

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2012

Education

University of Michigan, J.D., *cum laude*

Bowling Green State University, B. Mus., *summa cum laude*

Bowling Green State University, B.A., *summa cum laude*

Krista L. Lenart, Office Managing Member of Dykema's Ann Arbor, Michigan office, practices civil litigation with an emphasis on class action defense, complex litigation, product liability litigation, and appeals. Ms. Lenart has defended numerous class actions in state and federal courts throughout the country, including multidistrict litigation matters, involving products ranging from motor vehicles to consumer financial services. Ms. Lenart has also defended dozens of product liability suits in state and federal courts, including matters involving motor vehicles, helicopters, food service equipment, medical devices, and pharmaceutical products. Ms. Lenart has appellate experience in the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court, as well as in various Federal Circuit courts. Ms. Lenart also has extensive experience in probate litigation, land use litigation, commercial litigation, and education law matters.

While in law school, Ms. Lenart was an associate and a contributing editor of the *Michigan Law Review*. She was the Editor-in-Chief of the Law School student newspaper, *The Res Gestae*.

Significant Decisions

Significant Recent Decisions In Class Action And Product Liability Matters:

- *Daniel, et al., v. Ford Motor Company, No. 2:11-02890 WBS EFB, E.D. Cal.* (2018). Jury verdict for defendant automaker in certified consumer class action claim that all class vehicles had a rear suspension design defect that led to premature tire wear.
- *Oom v. The Michaels Companies, Inc. et al.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 112113 (W.D. Mich. July 19, 2017). Class allegations stricken in putative nationwide class action involving alleged deficiencies in provision of custom framing services.
- *Hevey v. Ford Motor Company, No. 2:12-cv-14257-JAC-RSW* (E.D. Mich. Aug. 21, 2013). Complaint dismissed in putative class action involving alleged difficulties with towing vehicles.
- *Smith v. Stryker Corp.*, 2011 WL 445646 (Mich. App. Feb. 8, 2011). Affirming trial court's grant of motion for summary disposition in defendant's favor in product liability lawsuit involving pain pump.
- *Peter v. Stryker Orthopaedics, Inc.*, 2009 WL 235639 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 29, 2009). Summary judgment granted to defendant in product liability lawsuit involving prosthetic knee replacement.

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Significant Other Decisions:

- *HDC, LLC v. City of Ann Arbor*, 675 F.3d 608 (6th Cir. 2012)
- *Bennett v. America Online, Inc.*, 2007 WL 2875169 (E.D. Mich., Sept. 28, 2007)
- *Sweet Air Investment, Inc. v. Kenney*, 275 Mich. App. 492 (2007)
- *Karpiuk v. Myers*, 2006 WL 2271122 (Mich. App., Aug. 8, 2006)
- *Metro Charter Academy v. Grand Valley State University*, 2005 WL 2016750 (Mich. App., Aug. 23, 2005)

Seminars & Speeches

Standing, Jurisdiction, and CAFA in “No Injury” Class Actions: Are Spokeo And Bristol-Myers as Helpful as You Think?
May 18, 2021

Advanced Strategies in Defending Class Action Litigation: Unresolved Issues in Consumer Product Class Action Litigation
November 15, 2016

Advanced Strategies for Defending Product-Related Class Action Litigation, Chicago, Illinois
October 15, 2014

Class Actions in the U.S. and Canada, Joint Conference of the Alaska, Canada and Washington Defense (Defence) Bar Associations, Victoria British Columbia
July 11, 2014

Use of Experts, Litigation Boot Camp: Basic Training for Every Litigation Lawyer, ICLE (with Andrew J. McGuinness)
March 2004

Section 504 vs. The IDEA in Michigan, Lorman Education
January 2004

Discipline of Students With Special Needs in Michigan, Lorman Education
July 2003

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act in Michigan, Lorman Education
April 2003

Section 504, Lorman Education
January 2003

Individual Education Plans and Placement Issues in Michigan, Lorman Education
December 2002

Publications

"Doing Business in the U.S. and Canada"
November 2013
DRI's For The Defense

"Methodology is the Key to Exclusion of Expert Testimony: Allgood v. General Motors" (Co-authored with Margaret A. Costello)
February 2007
v.22 W.L.F. Legal Backgrounder

News

Dykema Recognized for Having One of the Strongest Automotive Practices in the Nation
May 29, 2019

Three Dykema Litigators Co-Author Article on Class Action Risks in U.S. and Canada
November 21, 2013

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Memberships & Involvement

- Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor, Member
- Washtenaw County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- State of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board, Hearing Panelist

Community/Civic Activities

- Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, Member

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* for Transport: Rail and Road – Litigation (2019, 2021)