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PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Delaware Corporate Litigation
Employment Litigation
Environmental Litigation
General Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

Tulane University School of Law, JD, 2004
Louisiana State University, BS

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana, 2004
US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, 2006
US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
US District Court, Middle District of Louisiana

Overview

Brandie Thibodeaux is a partner based in MG+M's New Orleans office. She is a seasoned civil litigator who focuses her practice on environmental claims, products liability, premises liability, employer liability, toxic tort, insurance defense, and commercial litigation. These cases include personal injury and property damage resulting from wastes generated from oil and gas activities, benzene, talc, and asbestos.

Brandie is AV® Peer Review-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, a member of MG+M's National Trial Team, and certified by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). She also serves on National Coordinating Counsel teams for multiple clients. As part of her practice, Brandie has worked with clients to examine and develop defense strategies. She regularly appears before numerous state and federal courts, and has successfully argued numerous dispositive motions and other significant motions to limit claims and the introduction of improper evidence in complex environment and toxic tort matters. In the past four years, she successfully briefed and argued more than seven dispositive motions, securing dismissals for clients in asbestos litigation with pending demands in the high six and seven figure amounts. She also secured a directed verdict for her client in a mesothelioma case.

Recently, Brandie defended a well owner in a legacy oil filed site case, where plaintiffs asserted over \$200 million in damages due to alleged soil and groundwater contamination, as well as wetland loss and loss of vegetation. Brandie attended all plaintiff expert and fact witness depositions. Just prior to the hearing on dispositive motions, she resolved the matter for roughly .05 percent of plaintiffs' total valuation of the case.

From an early age, Brandie was immersed in the legal system by attending court with her father, attorney Al Mendoza, and watching her great-uncle, the late Judge Frank Zaccaria rule from the bench. Throughout college, she spent time employed with the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, and with the Louisiana House of Representatives as a Page to Representative N.J. D'Amico, thereby increasing her knowledge of the legal system, and driving her to attend law school.

Born and raised in the New Orleans area, Brandie earned her Juris

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Doctor in 2004 from Tulane University Law School. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Louisiana State University where she was accepted to the LSU Honors College, on the Dean's List, and a member and officer in Kappa Alpha Theta. During law school, Brandie received honors designation in trial advocacy, and was appointed to the interviewing and appointments committee.

Brandie, her husband James, and their children Sebastian and Alexis, reside in the New Orleans area.

Experience

- + Successfully defended a streaming service in a class action matter brought under the Consumer Choice in Television Act in Louisiana trial and appellate courts. The initial case was dismissed outright, and the appellate court affirmed the dismissal with prejudice. This result is expected to impact similar litigation in other jurisdictions.
- + Successfully drafted two interlocutory writs within a remarkable 72-hour timeframe in an Orleans Parish mesothelioma case at the Fourth Circuit. The first writ secured a remand to the trial court for a thorough evidentiary hearing, while the second, though partially granted, effectively stayed the ongoing trial, although ultimately denied as to substance.
- + Successfully obtained summary judgment in a mesothelioma case for a supplier in East Baton Rouge. The initial denial led to a writ at the state First Circuit, where two panel members were initially reluctant to grant relief, while a dissenting third member favored reversing the trial court. Subsequently, re-urging the motion before the state court led to the ultimate grant of summary judgment.

Recognition

- + *Best Lawyers*, Product Liability Litigation—Defendants, 2021–2026, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Defendants, 2022–2026
- + New Orleans *CityBusiness* Women of the Year Award, Honoree
- + Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Review-Rated
- + Trial Advocacy Honors Designation

Involvement

- + Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America