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As a member of Nachawati Law Group's Public Entity Litigation division, Dori focuses her practice on representing governments in complex civil enforcement actions in the areas of consumer protection, public nuisance, environmental harms, fraud against taxpayers/false claims, qui tam whistleblower actions, and more.

Over her almost ten years of experience in plaintiff side consumer protection litigation, Dori gained invaluable experience in representing the interests of both private consumers and public entity clients. Dori worked on a wide range of complex civil litigation issues including asbestos litigation and the nationwide opioid litigation, honing her skills in all aspects of discovery, legal research, and brief writing. Her experience in these roles has equipped her with the ability to navigate every aspect of intricate legal matters, from investigating claims and crafting a complaint to trial preparation.

Dori began her career at The Gori Law Firm, where she represented hundreds of individual plaintiffs harmed by asbestos in complex product liability litigation, investigating claims, filing complaints, coordinating case management, conducting hundreds of depositions, and arguing motions. She then moved to Baron & Budd, P.C., where she represented public entity clients against the manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers of opioid products. In this capacity, she developed case theories, supervised the selection, development and preparation of witnesses for trial, and composed and argued winning discovery and pretrial motions.

Dori is currently licensed to practice in Maryland and Washington D.C. She lives in the suburbs of Washington D.C. with her family where she enjoys all things food-related, including cooking and trying all of the restaurants the city has to offer.



PRACTICE AREAS:

- Public Client Representation
- Consumer Protection
- Public Nuisance
- Environmental Damages
- Medical Drug and Medical Devices
- Fraud Against Taxpayers/False Claims
- Privacy and Data Breach

EDUCATION:

- B.A. Vanderbilt University, *Cum laude*, 2009
- J.D. American University, Washington College of Law, 2015

LICENSED IN:

- Maryland
- Washington, D.C.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

ASSOCIATIONS:

- D.C. Trial Lawyer Association

NOTABLE CASES

- *State of Nevada Social Media Platform Litigation* – Currently represent the State of Nevada in consumer protection litigation against Meta Platforms (parent company of Messenger, Instagram, and Facebook), TikTok, and Snapchat. This litigation focuses on the design elements of these companies' social media and messaging apps and alleges that these design elements cause harm to minor users under the age of 18.
- *State of Mississippi Social Media Platform Litigation* – Currently represent the State of Mississippi in consumer protection litigation against Meta Platforms (parent company of Instagram). This litigation focuses on the design elements of the Instagram app and alleges that these design elements cause harm to minor users under the age of 18.
- *Commonwealth of Kentucky Social Media Platform Litigation* – Currently represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky in consumer protection investigations and litigation against TikTok.
- *Temu Deceptive Trade Practices Litigation* – Currently represent the State of Arkansas in consumer protection litigation against Chinese online retailer Temu. This litigation focuses on privacy and security concerns related to the Temu shopping app, including violations of state consumer protection laws and unauthorized data sharing.
- *State of Michigan Opioid Litigation* – Represented the State of Michigan against opioid manufacturing, distributing, and dispensing defendants, focusing on the over-distribution and dispensing of opioid drugs into the state of Michigan which contributed to the state's opioid crisis. Michigan's litigation led to settlements totaling \$1.6 billion.
- *State of New Mexico Opioid Litigation* – Represented the State of New Mexico in litigation against the opioid industry, which resulted in a \$500 million settlement with Walgreens following a seven-week trial. New Mexico's litigation led to settlements totaling \$1 billion.
- *United States of America ex rel. Ellsworth Assoc. LLC v. CVS Health Corp., et al.* – Represented a whistleblower client in a qui tam action against CVS Health Corp. and SilverScript Insurance Co. in claims brought under the False Claims Act.