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**Practice Areas**

- Torts
- Litigation
- Complex Litigation
- Product Risk Management
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Chemicals
- Automotive

**April Nelson Ross** is a counsel in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Her practice includes all aspects of complex tort and health care litigation. April represents a broad range of clients in class and multi-plaintiff actions and in arbitration proceedings. She has experience litigating disputes in state and federal courts across the country, and on appeal. In addition to significant class action experience, April has experience with multidistrict litigation proceedings and international tort issues.

April's torts practice includes all aspects of complex tort litigation, with a concentration in toxic tort and product liability litigation. She represents clients in a broad range of industries including transportation, chemical, and aviation. Her tort litigation experience includes defending clients in environmental exposure actions, class actions seeking medical monitoring, nationwide product liability class actions, and international aviation cases. Her torts practice regularly involves work with scientific and medical experts, including toxicologists, epidemiologists, and pathologists.

April also has significant healthcare litigation experience. She has represented insurers, managed care organizations and managed behavioral healthcare organizations in class actions, RICO litigation, payor/provider reimbursement disputes and in challenges to federal regulatory action. She has also assisted in briefing healthcare issues as *amicus curiae* before intermediate appellate courts and the United States Supreme Court.

April earned her J.D. with high honors from Duke University School of Law and her B.A. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to attending law school, April worked as a molecular biologist for a biotechnology company, focusing on drug development research for neurobiological diseases. She has co-authored four papers published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

April is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the North Carolina State Bar and is admitted to practice before various federal courts including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Sixth Circuits and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

### Education

- University of California at Berkeley, B.A. Molecular and Cell Biology (2000)
- Duke University School of Law, J.D. (2006) Order of the Coif, with high honors, 2006 Faculty Award for Advocacy

### Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, North Carolina

### Publications

- "Recent Developments In Toxic Torts and Environmental Law," *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal* (Fall 2011). Co-Authors: Beth M. Kramer, Gloria Martinez Trattles, Jennifer E. Schlosser, April N. Ross, Joel D. Smith, Providence Spina, and Derek R. Mullins.
- "Recent Developments In Toxic Torts and Environmental Law," *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal* (Winter 2011). Co-Authors: Beth M. Kramer, Scott L. Winkelman, Gloria Martinez Trattles, Jennifer E. Schlosser, April N. Ross, Joel D. Smith, Brandon G. Waggoner, and Brian J. Weber.
- "Recent Eighth Circuit Ruling Imposes Affirmative Duty On Generic Drug Manufacturers To Propose Label Changes Or Risk 'Failure To Warn' Lawsuits: *Mensing v. Wyeth, Inc., et al.*," *Crowell & Moring Product Risk Management Alert* (December 4, 2009). Co-Authors: Cathy L. Burgess and April N. Ross.

### Alerts & Newsletters

- "Recent Eighth Circuit Ruling Imposes Affirmative Duty On Generic Drug Manufacturers To Propose Label Changes Or Risk 'Failure To Warn' Lawsuits: *Mensing v. Wyeth, Inc., et al.*," *Product Risk Management Alert* (December 4, 2009). Contact: April Nelson Ross.

**Speaking Engagements**

- "Class Action Settlements: Shields and Swords," Crowell & Moring's Healthcare Ounce Of Prevention Seminar (HOOPS) (April 26-27, 2010). Presenters: Kathleen Taylor Sooy, Tracy A. Roman and April Nelson Ross.
- "Arbitrating Managed Care Disputes," Crowell & Moring's 2007 Healthcare Ounce of Prevention Seminar (HOOPS) (October 2007). Co-Presenters: Kathleen Taylor Sooy, Tracy A. Roman and April M. Nelson.