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Stephanie focuses her practice on tort and product liability litigation and trial practice. She also handles municipal and employment litigation. She represents private and public entities in all stages of the litigation process, from pre-litigation through appeal. Stephanie has represented clients in federal and federal appellate courts and state and state appellate courts throughout the United States. As a trial attorney and litigator, she has authored numerous successful dispositive motions and served as second chair in several jury trials.

Stephanie focuses her practice in personal injury defense and general tort defense, including wrongful death, major and catastrophic injury, constitutional torts, and complex tort claims.

She serves as national counsel for a logistics transportation provider and an elevator/escalator manufacturer. She is a graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy.

When she is not practicing law, Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family and golden retriever, hiking in US and Canadian national parks, and playing soccer.

Other Info About Stephanie

Experience

Jones v. Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc., et al., No. 1:24-cv-619, 2026 WL 194107 (N.D. Ohio Jan. 26, 2026) – summary judgment granted on negligence and punitive damages claims.

Casarez v. Irigoyen Farms, Inc., et al., 114 Cal.App.5th 873 (2025), *reh'g denied, pet. denied* – affirming trial court's order granting

summary judgment in wrongful death action where the trial court held that plaintiff's claims were preempted by the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994 ("FAAAA").

Brady, et al. v. Walmart Inc., et al., No. 8:21-cv-01412 (D. Md.) – serving as trial counsel during three-week federal court jury trial.

Pinder v. Lancer Ins. Co., et al., 2024 WL 4335913 (M.D. Ga. Sept. 27, 2024) – motion for judgment on the pleadings granted in wrongful death action where the district court held that plaintiffs' claims were preempted by the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994 ("FAAAA").

Gonzalez v. City of Hammond, 2022 WL 445507 (N.D. Ind. Feb. 14, 2022) – summary judgment granted on discrimination claims brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, and Indiana's workers' compensation statute.

Bethuram v. Cathedral Trustees, Inc., 2021 WL 5163417 (S.D. Ind. Nov. 5, 2021) – summary judgment granted on reverse race discrimination and retaliation claims under Title VII.

Turner v. Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, d/b/a IndyGo, 2021 WL 1967464 (S.D. Ind. May 14, 2021), *aff'd on appeal* 2021 WL 6500580 (7th Cir. Oct. 29, 2021) – summary judgment granted on religious discrimination claim under Title VII.

Cortez v. Indiana University Health, Inc., 151 N.E.3d 332 (Ind. Ct. App. 2020), *trans. denied* – affirming trial court's order that the case was within scope of the Medical Malpractice Act such that it first had to be presented to a medical review panel.

Chariton v. City of Hammond, 146 N.E.3d 927 (Ind. Ct. App. 2020), *trans. denied* – affirming trial court's order granting summary judgment that the Indiana Tort Claims Act applied to Plaintiff's claims and Plaintiff did not substantially comply with the Indiana Tort Claims Act notice requirements.

Cynthia Jones, as personal representative of the Estate of Miranda Peoples, v. Kerry J. Forestal, in his official capacity of Sheriff of Marion County, et al., 2020 WL 1469832 (S.D. Ind. Mar. 26, 2020) –

summary judgment granted on various claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and various state law claims arising from an in-custody suicide.

Brigid A. Ford v. Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County, 270 F.Supp.3d 1059 (S.D. Ind. 2017), *aff'd on appeal* 942 F.3d 839 (7th Cir. 2019) – obtained defense verdict after week-long federal court jury trial on failure to accommodate and hostile work environment claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Jesse Norwood v. East Allen County Schools, 2018 WL 4680008 (N.D. Ind. Sept. 28, 2018), *aff'd on appeal* 825 Fed.Appx. 383 (7th Cir. 2020), *reh'g and reh'g en banc denied* – summary judgment granted on race discrimination and retaliation claims under Title VII and 42 U.S.C. § 1981.

James E. Mitchell v. Muncie Community Schools, 2017 WL 2985638 (S.D. Ind. July 13, 2017) – summary judgment granted on race discrimination and retaliation claims under Title VII.

Education

Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2012

Cornell University, B.A. with distinction, Government and History; Law and Society minor, 2009, *magna cum laude*

Clerkships

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri,
Honorable Nannette A. Baker

Courts

State of Indiana

United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Recognition

Indy's Best and Brightest, 2021 Finalist "Law"

Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Rising Stars*®, 2018–2020, 2022–2026

Young Lawyers Division Distinguished Leader Award, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2020

Up & Coming Lawyer, Indiana Lawyer, Leadership in Law Awards, 2019

Young Lawyer of the Year, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2019

Distinguished Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation, 2019

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Professional Affiliations

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Chair of Public Policy Standing Committee 2021–2022

Member of Board of Directors 2019–2020

Chair of Young Lawyers Division 2019–2020

Vice–Chair of Legal Education for the Young Lawyers Division
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Indiana State Bar Association

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Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana

Chair of the Employment Law Section 2021–2022

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can Split a Hostile Work Environment Claim](#)

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