

Denise K. Stewart

Associate



Denise is an associate in the firm's New Jersey office. Over the past 20 years, she has played an integral role in some of Seeger Weiss's most important and visible cases. Her practice focuses on class action, mass tort and multidistrict litigation involving pharmaceutical injury, product liability, catastrophic personal injury, and medical malpractice.

Selected Representations

- *In re National Football League Players' Concussion Injury Litig.*, MDL No. 2323 (E.D. Pa.). Member of the Seeger Weiss team appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel and serving as chief negotiator on behalf of plaintiffs in the highly visible and contentious multidistrict litigation against the **National Football League**. Denise's research skills were instrumental to the firm

overcoming significant legal and procedural challenges, including those associated with causation. The results achieved there—an **uncapped settlement fund valued at approximately \$1 billion** and a medical testing program—were overwhelmingly supported by the class and received unprecedented media attention. This settlement was approved by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and certification of appeal was recently denied by the United States Supreme Court. Denise continues to participate in the administration of the ongoing claims process for the retired players.

- *In re Accutane Litigation*, No. 271 (J. Super. Ct. Atlantic Cty). Member of the Seeger Weiss team serving as Lead Trial Counsel in the mass tort before the New Jersey Superior Court since 2005, prevailing in a string of appellate decisions. In a landmark decision issued in January 2017, the Court reinstated a **\$25.5 million** verdict on behalf of the firm's client. In July 2017, the firm convinced the Court to revive more than 2,000 cases in consolidated litigation against **Hoffmann-La Roche**. That same week, the Appellate Division reversed another major decision by the trial court, reinstating roughly 300 cases in the litigation. Denise is the key associate on the briefing team. Her involvement includes defending plaintiffs at deposition, motion practice, discovery, and court appearances.

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude*, 1982

B.A., Monmouth University, 1972

Practices

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