



Mary Margaret Gay

Attorney and Founding Member

Gay Jones & Kuhn, PLLC

Mary Margaret Gay is a founding member of GJ&K and concentrates her practice on strategies to help her clients anticipate and eliminate risk. She represents clients locally, regionally, and nationally. She possesses extensive experience in creating cost-efficient, unified defense strategies to manage special issues arising in litigation. She works closely with companies to create best practices, and trains their employees, outside counsel and others involved on how to put these into play. Mary Margaret regularly assists clients in monitoring and predicting trends in litigation, including filing rates, verdicts, and jurisdictional changes. She also works in Mississippi to assist students, parents, and school districts with issues related to Title IX, bullying, implementation of independent education plans and strategies to increase communication of students, teachers, and administrators.

Bar Admissions

- Arkansas
- Mississippi

Services

- Asbestos Bankruptcy Trust Transparency
- Special Education Legal Support
- General Counsel and Small Business Services
- Mass Tort and Personal Injury Defense
- Agricultural Law – Chemical Exposure and Herbicide Spray Drift

Professional Recognition

- Mid-South Super Lawyer® Rising Stars®
- Mid-South Super Lawyer®
- Martindale-Hubbard® Distinguished AV Peer Review Rated
- The Best Lawyers® in America
- Top 50: 2014 Mississippi Super Lawyers®
- Top 50: 2014 Women Mid-South Super Lawyers®
- 2015 Leaders in Law by the Mississippi Business Journal
- 2017 Leading Mississippi Business Women by the Mississippi Business Journal

Experience

- Member, Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy, LLC
- Partner, Forman Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP
- Associate Attorney, Waller & Waller

Publications

- "A Matter of Trust? How Access to Asbestos Trust Claims Information Affects Cases in New York Courts," NYCJL, October 2019.
- "Update On Asbestos Trust Transparency Legislation For Defense Counsel," June 4, 2019.
- "Did You Get That? Maximizing Alternative Exposures and Bankruptcy Trust Information at Depositions," For the Defense, January 2019.
- "2018 Progress Report: Asbestos Trust Transparency Legislation," The Voice, Vol. 17, Issue 28, July 25, 2018.
- "From Safety to Subpoenas: A Quick Guide to the Mississippi Consumer Protection Act," February 2018
- "2017 Asbestos Update: Deposition Strategies for Developing Alternative Exposures," For The Defense, June 2017.
- "Off Target: Dicamba Drift Issues Ensnaring Farmers," Growing Mississippi, August 9, 2017.
- "Part Two: Dicamba Drift Issues Ensnaring Farmers," Growing Mississippi, August 15, 2017.
- "Trust Transparency Post-Garlock: Discovery and Deposition Strategies for Defense Counsel," The National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues (FETTI) Winter/Spring 2016 Case Law Update Newsletter.
- "Garlock One Year Later," IADC Committee Newsletter, January 2015.
- "Garlock Bankruptcy Judge: Asbestos Settlements 'Infected With the Impropriety of Some Law Firms'," IADC Committee Newsletter, April 2014, Second Edition.
- "Asbestos Litigation and the Bankruptcy Trust System: Mastering a Plaintiff's Game," Mealey's Asbestos Bankruptcy Report, Vol. 15 #3, October 2015.
- "The Billion Dollar Difference: The Value of Trust Transparency," Mealey's Litigation Report: Asbestos, Vol. 29 #15, September 10, 2014.
- "The Billion Dollar Difference: The Value of Trust Transparency," Mealey's Asbestos Bankruptcy Report, Vol. 14 #1, August 2014.

Speaking Engagements

- "The Bankruptcy Trust Offset: What is it and should it be applied in a Civil Case?" Perrin Conference, March 2015, Beverly Hills, California.
- "Garlock Estimation Ruling: New Procedural Issues (Discovery Motions, Motions to Unseal Records, Lack of Enforcement Mechanisms and What to Do With the Information

at Trial); How These Issues Impact Future Liability,” American Conference Institute's 18th National Forum on Asbestos Claims and Litigation, January 2015, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- “The Garlock Ruling: Understanding the Impact and Applications in the Tort System,” FETTI Conference, October 2014, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Asbestos Compensation: The Impact of Bankruptcy on the Tort System,” Perrin Conference, September 2014, San Francisco, California.
- “Women in Business Breakfast Roundtable,” Perrin Conference, March 2014.
- “Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation: Screening & Case Resolution” Mealey's Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation Conference.
- “Ch-Ch-Ch Changes: The Latest Developments in MDL 875 and What to Expect, a Panel Discussion” Andrews' Asbestos Litigation Conference.

Education

- Mississippi College School of Law (J.D.)
- Hendrix College (B.A. in Political Science)

Professional & Civic Organizations/Memberships/Associations

- Mississippi Bar Association
- Capital Area Bar Association
- Mississippi Volunteers Lawyers Project
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Junior League of Jackson
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Jackson
- The ALS Association Mississippi/Louisiana Chapter