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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Consumer Protection
- Data Privacy Litigation
- Employee Benefits & Retirement Security
- Employment Law
- Environmental Litigation
- Governments & Municipalities
- Financial Products & Services
- Mass Personal Injury
- Whistleblower

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College

B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1995,
Religion, Environmental Studies
Certificate, Phi Beta Kappa

University of Washington School of Law

J.D., 1999, Executive Comments
Editor, Pacific Rim Law & Policy
Journal, 1998-1999

Gretchen Freeman Cappio is a partner at Keller Rohrback L.L.P., a nationally renowned law firm known for its skillful, effective advocacy.

Gretchen's law practice emphasizes complex, cutting-edge litigation. She has played key roles in many well-known cases, including in the multibillion-dollar Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" litigation and in groundbreaking litigation holding Wells Fargo accountable for its unauthorized account scheme. Gretchen's advocacy also extends to high-profile public health cases, and she serves as the primary client contact for major governmental clients, including in the massive Opioid multidistrict litigation. In that case, she has helped negotiate numerous agreements between states and local governments to allocate settlement funds that are dedicated to addressing the devastating impacts of the opioid epidemic. She has also successfully advocated for the fairer pricing of drugs and devices, including in the EpiPens Marketing litigation, for which she and her team have been honored by the American Antitrust Institute, winning an Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Practice Award in 2022.

In addition, judges have appointed Gretchen to leadership positions in a number of high-profile cases that are currently pending. She helps lead litigation about the safety and reliability of vehicles in the ZF-TRW Airbag, GM Transmission, and Chevy Bolt litigations, and she advocates for the security of data in the Blackbaud Data Breach litigation.

Gretchen's leadership and devotion to justice drive her legal work and personal time. Her colleagues at Keller Rohrback L.L.P. recognized these skills by electing her to the firm's Executive Committee. Gretchen is a founding board member of the Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association (MAMA), an organization supporting mothers in the legal profession, now with nine chapters across the United States. She is also the proud mother of two daughters, both of whom inspire her to seek justice everyday.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1999, Washington
2000, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
2008, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
2009, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
2009, U.S. Supreme Court
2011, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
2011, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
2015, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
2018, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
2020, Michigan
2020, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims at Emory University School of Law

Emerging Leaders Board of Advisors, *Inaugural Member*

Class Action Roundtable, *Reporter*

Global Justice Center, *Board Chair*

The Global Justice Center works worldwide and domestically with women's rights advocates, grassroots groups, and policymakers to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

The William L. Dwyer American Inn of Court, *Member*

King County Bar Association, *Member*

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

American Bar Association, *Member*

Washington Women Lawyers, *Member*

Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, *Member*

American Association for Justice, *Member*

The National Trial Lawyers, *Member*

Mother Attorney Mentoring Association (MAMAS), *Member; Founding Board Member, 2006-2008*

HONORS & AWARDS

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2023

American Antitrust Institute - Antitrust Enforcement Award Honoree, in the category of "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice" for work in *In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices, and Antitrust Litigation*, 2022

Listed as Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America 2022 and 2023

Selected to Rising Stars list in Super Lawyers - Washington, 2002, 2009-2012

Selected to Super Lawyers list in Super Lawyers - Washington, 2020-2023

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer at Harvard Law School, "Latest Developments in Nuance Law" (November 1, 2023)

Guest Lecturer at Stanford Law School, "Litigating MDLs" (March 2, 2023)

Emory Institute for Complex Litigation Conference on MDL Rules and Innovation, Miami (March 9-10, 2022).

Guest Lecturer at Seattle University School of Law, "MDL Mass Tort and Class Action Cases" (March 8, 2022).

Gretchen Freeman Cappio, "Mental Health on College Campuses Amid Covid," Letter to the Editor in The New York Times, (January 4, 2022)

Guest Lecturer at Seattle University School of Law, "Complex Litigation, MDL Experience, and Bellwether Trials" (September 23, 2021).

Presenter at Colorado County Attorneys Association Virtual Summer Conference, Statewide Opioid Litigation Update (June 11, 2021).

Guest Lecturer at Seattle University School of Law, "MDL Mechanics Q&A" (March 8, 2021).

Guest Lecturer at Stanford Law School, "From Takeoff to Landing: Litigating MDLs" (February 23, 2021).

Law Seminars International Presents: The 16th Annual Conference On Litigating Class Actions (November 12-13, 2020).

Presenter, Trials in Class Actions and Post-Trial Motions
Panelist, Settlement Strategies

Guest Lecturer at Stanford Law School, "From Takeoff to Landing: Litigating the MDL" (February 14, 2020).

Colorado Municipal League: Annual Seminar on Municipal Law (September 27-28, 2019).

Law Seminars International Presents: The 15th Annual Conference on Litigating Class Actions (May 9-10, 2019).

Presenter, Settlement Strategies

Guest Lecturer at Stanford Law School, Multidistrict Litigation (February 22, 2019).

Presenter at ABA Section of Litigation, Discovery and Ethical "Rules of the Road" for Working with Expert Witnesses (July 19, 2018).

Presenter at Bristol Myers Squibb Panel, UC-Irvine, UC-Berkeley, & Emory University Schools of Law First Joint Coordination Conference at Berkeley (June 5, 2018).

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

Law Seminars International Presents: The 14th Annual Conference On Litigating Class Actions (May 10-11, 2018).

Presenter, Consumer Protection and the Opioid Crisis

Presenter, Corporate Fraud Against Consumers

Presenter, Settlement Strategies for Class Actions and Multidistrict Litigation.

Presenter at HarrisMartin's Plaintiff Opioid MDL Conference, "Causation and Science" (January 8, 2018).

Presenter at HarrisMartin MDL Conference, "Opioid, Equifax & Talcum Powder, Equifax Data Breach: What Happened? Who Was Impacted? What Are the Damages?"

(November 29, 2017).

Presenter at National Consumer Law Center, "Effectively Persuading Your Judge," NCLC Consumer Class Action Symposium (November 18, 2017).

Presenter at Practising Law Institute 22nd Annual Consumer Financial Services Institute (2017).

Panelist at Law Seminars International – 13th Annual Conference on Litigating, "Settlement Strategies for Class Actions and Multidistrict Litigation" (April 28, 2017).

Panelist at EmoryLaw NextGen Conference and EmoryLaw Fed. Judicial Ctr. and JPML Program (December 14-16, 2016).

Panelist at HarrisMartin's MDL Conference, "Settlements in Mass Tort and Class Action Litigation" (July 27, 2016).

Panelist at American Association for Justice webinar, "Dissecting the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Spokeo," Inc. v. Robins (May 26, 2016).

Panelist at Law Seminars International, "VW Diesel Emissions Litigation: A Case Study of the Interplay Between Government Regulatory Activity and Consumer Fraud Class Actions" (May 6, 2016).

Presenter at PLI Consumer Financial Services Institute 2016, "Data Security & Privacy Issues" (May 12, 2016).

Panelist at HarrisMartin Pharmaceutical and Environmental Mass Tort Litigation, Class Action and Data Breach Litigation (March 30, 2016).

Panelist at Bridgeport Consumer Class Action Litigation Conference, "Current State of the Law on Ascertainability and Standing" (January 8, 2016).

Panelist at HarrisMartin MDL Conference Volkswagen and Pharmaceutical Update: RICO and Additional Defendants (December 2, 2015).

Panelist at Bridgeport Volkswagen Class Action & MDL Seminar – Diesel Emissions Scandal (November 23, 2015).

Panelist at HarrisMartin Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Litigation Conference: RICO and Additional Defendants (October 27, 2015).

Panelist at Law Seminars International, The Eleventh Annual Comprehensive Conference on Class Actions, "Data Breaches: Cases at the Intersection of Class Actions and Internet Technology" (June 4, 2015).

Panelist at ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Meeting 17th Annual Spring Conference, "Solutions in Seattle: A View From the Trenches: What's Working and What's Not Working with Mediators" (April 16, 2015).

Presenter at HarrisMartin Data Breach Litigation Conference, "Coming of Age: The Differences between Employee and Consumer Cases" (March 25, 2015).

Presenter at Practising Law Institute, Managing Complex Litigation 2014: Class Actions; Mass Torts & MDL (October 21, 2014).

Presenter at Class Action Conference, "Recent Settlement Trends in Class Actions and Multidistrict Litigation: A Detailed Look at the Process for Settling and Administering Settlements" (June 13, 2014).

Presenter at Harris Martin's MDL Conference, "Target Data Security Breach Litigation: Recent Development, Issues in Data Breach Litigation" (March 26, 2014).

Presenter at Law Seminars International, Class Actions and Other Aggregate Litigation Seminar: Post-Certification Motion Issues in Class Actions (May 14, 2013).

Panelist at Chartis Security & Privacy Seminar (October 20, 2011).

Presenter at 20th Annual American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Spring CLE Meeting, "Toxic Torts: Toxins In Everyday Products" (April 1, 2011).

Gretchen Freeman Cappio, Erosion of Indigenous Right to Negotiate in Australia, 7 Pac. Rim L. & Pol'y J. 405 (1998).