



# KELLY STRANGE CRAWFORD

## Practice Areas

Litigation

Products Liability, Toxic Tort and Mass Tort

Appellate Law Strategies

Class Action Litigation Practice

## Areas of Emphasis

Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation

Products Liability and Workplace/ Environmental Exposure Personal Injury Litigation

Mass-Tort / Multi-County Litigation

Commercial Litigation

## Overview

Kelly Strange Crawford is Co-Chair of Riker Danzig and the head of the Firm's Products Liability and Mass Tort Practice Group. She concentrates her practice in complex litigation involving mass torts, products liability defense, and complex commercial matters, including state and federal class actions, multi-district litigation and state court coordinated proceedings. Her clients include large and small pharmaceutical and industrial companies, as well as individuals. Kelly has extensive experience representing clients that manufacture and market pharmaceutical products and medical devices, as well as nutraceutical products, and has served as



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defense liaison counsel and trial counsel, including in New Jersey's Multi-County Litigation court system. She also defends clients in litigation involving claims of workplace and environmental exposures to substances such as vinyl chloride monomer, benzene, and asbestos and asbestos-containing products, including litigation involving premise owners and claims involving novel liability theories. Kelly has served as trial counsel and she and her team handle all facets of case development, motion practice, trial preparation, and as well as trial. She and her team frequently work with global and national counsel to accomplish client goals through disciplined execution of defined roles and a relentless commitment to long-term partnerships. Kelly also has experience with small business disputes, dissenting shareholder valuation litigation, environmental cost recovery actions, non-product liability personal injury cases (both for plaintiffs and defendants) including motor vehicle accidents.

In addition to her litigation practice, Kelly has handled pro bono matters ranging from municipal court representation in New Jersey to representation of a death row client in post-conviction relief proceedings in Alabama. She has served as head of the Firm's pro bono committee and assists associates handling pro bono litigation matters. Kelly is a Trustee for the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. She has served a ten-year term as a Member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges. Among other associations, she is a member of the New Jersey Civil Justice Institute Legal Advisory Board, the Trial Attorneys of America, Litigation Counsel of America and the International Association of Defense Counsel. Kelly is a speaker on panels relating to mass tort and products liability litigation.

The *New Jersey Law Journal* named Kelly a "New Jersey Trailblazer" for 2020. The *Law Journal* distinguished select lawyers in New Jersey who "made significant marks" on the practice of law in their sectors. In 2018, Kelly was honored by the Executive Women of New Jersey at its "Salute to the Policy Makers" gala. The annual awards event honors women who have made significant contributions in the private or public sectors in New Jersey. Also in 2018, she was named one of New Jersey's "Power 100" by *NJBIZ*. The annual list identifies the key people impacting business in New

Jersey in a positive way. Kelly was named 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Product Liability Litigation in the Newark region by *Best Lawyers in America*®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers. This honor is given annually to a single Product Liability Law attorney in each region. *Best Lawyers* has also listed Kelly in the field of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions and Product Liability Litigation since 2013. Since 2017, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* Client's Guides, has recognized Kelly in the Products Liability Litigation field. In the Guide, clients call her "very knowledgeable," and she is praised for her "fine attention to detail," "ability to coordinate and strategize on a large scale," and "strong trial capabilities, pointing to her longstanding courtroom experience." She was selected by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as a "Diverse Attorney of the Year" in 2015. See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#).

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## Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1993

Duke University, A.B., 1989

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

United States District Court, Northern District of New York

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

## Professional Activities

Former Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges

Member, Law Advisory Board of the NJCJI

Frequent speaker on products-liability issues

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