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Obtaining Justice for the Injured

With over 25 years of experience, Paulina do Amaral is a partner in Lieff Cabraser's New York office and a senior member of the firm's Mass Tort and Injury Practice Team. Paulina represents individuals, groups and classes in complex, multi-party litigation in state and federal courts and in multidistrict litigation throughout the U.S. Paulina's current work includes representation of government entities in one of the largest pieces of civil litigation in history, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, in which she serves as a leader of the Law and Briefing Committee and on the Expert Oversight Committee.

Paulina has dedicated her career to achieving justice for individuals injured by dangerous and defective products and other corporate wrongdoing against some of the largest corporations in the world. With vast specific experience in the area of pharmaceutical litigation, Paulina has represented thousands of individuals, successfully recovering millions of dollars on their behalf, in cases involving drugs such as Actos, Zofran, Baycol, Rezulin, and Fen-Phen, and other health products such as talc products, defective surgical mesh, and an infant food thickener given to premature infants who were either killed or suffered lifelong harm. Paulina also served on the bellwether trial team in the Yaz and Yasmin birth control drug injuries case that was weeks from trial when the entire litigation settled in 2012.

In addition to her pharmaceutical and health product experience, Paulina's past work includes environmental and 9/11 injury litigation. Working on behalf of more than 500 individuals in Eastern Kentucky, she successfully resolved claims arising from an October 2000 coal sludge disaster. Paulina also served as lead pro bono counsel on behalf of seven victims and their decedents in hearings before the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund arising out of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. The combined awards obtained were in excess of \$5 million.

In 2019, Paulina was named to the Board of Trustees of the UC Hastings College of the Law and was selected for inclusion in Lawdragon's list of "500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers."

Areas of Practice

Environmental Litigation, Personal Injury, Defective Products

Education

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, California

J.D. - 1996

Honors: Moot Court Executive Board

Honors: National Moot Court Competition Team, 1995

Law Journal: Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, Executive Editor

University of Rochester

B.A. - 1988

Bar Admissions

California, 1998

New York, 1997

U.S. Supreme Court, 2014

U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 1999

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2008

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 2020

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 2007

U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, 2004

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York, 2008

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2004

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Association for Justice

UC Hastings College of the Law, Board of Trustees

Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Committee on the Judiciary, 2007 - 2010)

New York State Bar Association

State Bar of California

Women En Mass

Publications and Presentations

Panelist, "Opioids Litigation," HarrisMartin MDL Conference, July 2025

Panelist, "The Opioid Crisis in America: Exploring the Legal Solutions," American Association for Justice 2024 Winter Convention, February 2024

Speaker, "Update: Lessons from the Opioid Litigation," American Association for Justice Annual Convention, July 2023

Panelist, "Law Seminar's 16th Annual "Litigating Class Actions" conference, November 11, 2020

Faculty Member, "Mass Tort MDL Certificate Program,"

Duke Law School Bolch Judicial Institute, November 9, 2020

Speaker, "Career Advice Panel Part I: The Traditional Path," UC Hastings College of the Law, October 29, 2020

Co-Chair, HarrisMartin Opioid Litigation Conference, San Francisco, February 2018

"Rapid Response: Opioid Litigation," American Association for Justice Seminar, September 2017

Honors and Awards

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of "Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs," 2017-2026

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America," Lawdragon, 2026

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2019-2025

"Lawdragon 500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers," Lawdragon, 2024

"Super Lawyer for New York Metro," Super Lawyers, 2024

Legal 500 recommended lawyer, LegalEase, 2013