

Law360's Super MVPs In A Class Of Their Own

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Stephanie Parker is Jones Day's firmwide product liability litigation practice leader. She has served clients in the tobacco, chemical, pharmaceutical, gasoline, medical device and automotive industries. She also has significant other litigation experience, ranging from banking to white-collar criminal matters to the First Amendment, the firm said.

Her work for R.J. Reynolds over the past several years came to a head in 2015, and Parker and her team scored several major wins for the client this past year.

Under the MVP's leadership as coordinating defense counsel, Jones Day lawyers obtained favorable results for R.J. Reynolds in five federal trials and four state-court trials in the past 12 months.

Through Parker's leadership, about 4,432 Engle progeny tobacco cases that were pending in Florida federal courts have been slimmed down to 411 through a strategy proposed by Parker, forcing plaintiffs to dismiss cases with nonviable claims. The Eleventh Circuit affirmed that strategy in 2014 when it upheld the dismissal of over 700 cases.

In litigation where plaintiffs are routinely awarded millions of dollars in compensatory and punitive damages on their claims, Stephanie has managed Jones Day's trial docket for Reynolds with significantly better results, the firm said.

"We are proud that Stephanie's great work is being recognized for the fourth year in a row," said Charles Carberry, leader of Jones Day's Business & Tort Litigation Practice. "Her extensive experience in the defense of product liability and mass tort cases, and her commitment to excellence, has brought terrific results for our clients."

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