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PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury Defense
- Insurance Defense
- Product Liability Defense
- Trials
- Employment Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance
- Mass Tort Defense

EDUCATION

- J.D., Marquette University Law School, 1992
- B.A., Lafayette College, History, 1986

ADMISSION

- Utah State Bar
- Federal District Court, District of Utah
- Idaho State Bar
- U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah
- U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Massachusetts State Bar
- New Hampshire State Bar
- District of Columbia Bar

ABOUT

Ruth Shapiro is the firm's Vice President, Chair of the Tort and Insurance Practice Group, and is a member of the firm's Business Development Advisory Committee.

Her practice focuses on personal injury defense and employment matters. She is a well-respected trial attorney defending catastrophic injury, wrongful death, employment, product liability, and premises liability cases. Ruth has numerous defense jury verdicts in a variety of cases.

In her nearly 30 years of practice, Ruth has averaged two trials per year. In the past four years alone, Ruth has obtained defense jury verdicts in matters involving a fatality as a result of a truck versus crosswalk pedestrian (demand in excess of \$23 million), a catastrophic brain injury premises liability case, a double fatality from a truck accident (with a \$22 million demand), a \$2.8 million catastrophic injury case, a fatality from use of farm equipment (with a \$3 million demand), an employment contract dispute, employment discrimination, premises liability, and a snow tubing, skier-collision.

Ruth has practiced with law firms in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Washington, D.C. She also served as in-house counsel for a large liability insurance carrier's third-party administrator. Prior to enrolling in law school, Ruth played professional tennis, traveling throughout North America to compete.

HONORS / AWARDS / UNIQUE RECOGNITION

- Recipient of the 2018-2019 Utah Defense Lawyers Association Legacy Award
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America® for Employment Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Recognized as Utah Legal Elite by Utah Business Magazine.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Utah State Bar, Litigation Section
- Utah Defense Lawyers Association
- Utah Supreme Court Model Utah Jury Instruction (MUJI) Civil Committee
- Ski Utah, Board of Directors member 2002-2008
- Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates 2018-present

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defense Verdict in a truck v. crosswalk pedestrian accident
- Defense verdict in a catastrophic injury premises liability
- Defense jury verdict in a catastrophic trucking accident

matter involving loss of vision

- Defense jury verdict in a farm equipment fatality matter in which there was a \$3 million demand
- Defense jury verdict in a double fatality trucking matter in which there was a \$22 million demand
- Defense jury verdict in a premises liability matter involving significant lower extremity injuries
- Defense jury verdict in a catastrophic injury case involving a recreational accident
- Defense jury verdict in a significant personal injury matter involving a truck versus bicycle accident
- Defense jury verdict in an employment contract dispute
- Defense jury verdict in a Federal employment discrimination matter
- Successful defense of a racial discrimination class action brought by the EEOC
- Successful defense of a non-compete agreement dispute
- Successful defense and no-cause findings involving discrimination claims of gender, race, disability, national origin, and retaliation
- Successful defense of numerous claims of wrongful termination (actual and constructive), failure to promote, failure to hire, and wage violations
- Successful defense of numerous matters involving claims of sexual harassment
- Successful defense of numerous matters involving medical and pharmaceutical malpractice before the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing