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William V. Essig is a trial lawyer focused on defending pharmaceutical and medical device companies in mass tort and products liability litigations in federal and state courts across the country. Bill's recent trial experience includes winning a defense verdict as co-trial counsel in a pharmaceutical failure-to-warn case in the mass tort program in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. He has been a member of successful trial teams in federal MDL and state court litigations in defense of pharmaceutical companies. His representative matters include:

- Trial team member defending prescription antipsychotic medication in various products liability actions; expert and company witness depositions on scientific/medical issues.
- Member of trial team and national counsel team defending a prescription fluoroquinolone medication in more than 1,500 cases in a MDL litigation and more than 2,000 cases in state courts; participated in four trials to verdict (three defense verdicts); also involved in depositions of expert witnesses; company witnesses; prescribing and treating physicians and plaintiffs.
- Defending various individual products liability and wrongful death cases involving prescription and over-the-counter medications, surgical staplers and clip appliers, knee replacements, surgical mesh, contact lenses, vaccines, tampons and other products.

Bill received his B.A. from Yale University in 1992 and his J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law in 1996, where he was the coordinating note and comment editor of the law review and Order of the Coif.

Bill clerked for the Honorable John F. Grady of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in 1996-1997. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and its Trial Bar, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He has been admitted as pro hac vice counsel in state and federal jurisdictions across the U.S.

Bill is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and the Defense Research Institute, and has written articles for publications of both groups. Bill has been selected as a Super Lawyer in Illinois and has an AV peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Bill has also served as an adjunct professor in complex litigation at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.