Ranelle Leier

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Ranelle defends public and private companies from potential threats posed by health care litigation, environmental litigation and regulatory actions, government investigations and products liability claims.

She conducts internal investigations and audits to help corporations and boards mitigate risk.

She also advises clients on complex transactions involving contamination and environmental compliance issues. In addition, Ranelle represents manufacturers, processors and retailers of food and animal feed in matters ranging from labeling and advertising to food safety and recalls.

Services

- Litigation
- Environmental
- Health Law
- White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance
- Cannabis Law

Representative Matters

- Represented a court-appointed receiver in proceedings related to Petters Ponzi scheme involving tens of millions of dollars.
- Successfully represents health care clients in disputes with providers to recover overpayments for services.
- *Robin Drug, et al. v. Prime Therapeutics, Inc.* — Represented a pharmacy benefits manager in a class action arbitration brought by pharmacies involving allegations of using improper average wholesale pricing to reimburse contracting pharmacies for prescription drug claims.
- Defended a health care client against a False Claims Act complaint involving alleged fraud under Medicare Part D.
- Successfully defended product manufacturers and corporate parents in class action antitrust litigation in several jurisdictions.
- *SKB Environmental, Inc. v. Metropolitan Airports Commission* — Served as lead trial counsel and obtained a directed verdict at trial for the MAC in a lawsuit regarding alleged contamination at a landfill related to a construction project at an airport.
- Successfully defended a manufacturer of railroad-grade crossing safety equipment in several lawsuits alleging the equipment failed to properly warn motorists of an approaching train.

- Obtained dismissal for a manufacturing client at the motion to dismiss stage in case involving alleged environmental contamination and claims under the state Superfund statute and common law.
- Represented potentially responsible parties in litigation under the federal Superfund statute and the Minnesota Landfill Cleanup Act
- Advises clients in all aspects of business and real estate transactions, including due diligence and environmental assessments

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, Ranelle was a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP.

While in law school, she was a board member and author of the *William Mitchell Law Review*.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Ranelle participates in the Tubman Safety Project, which provides pro bono legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence who are seeking orders of protection.

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1997)
- Valley City State University (B.S., *summa cum laude*)
    - Business Administration

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Minnesota State Bar Association (Health Law Section and Food & Drug Law Section, Council Member)
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Board of Directors

- Friends of Children Foundation

Honors & Awards

- Named a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers Magazine