

Sheila Wall Elston

WORK EXPERIENCE

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL, Deerfield, IL - August, 2018 - November, 2018

Extern

- Global business unit legal extern working on a variety of health law related issues.

ELSTON & ELSTON, P.C., Deerfield, IL

Co-founder and Partner

- Litigation boutique specializing in complex civil litigation counseling.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS, Chicago, IL

Partner and Of Counsel

- High exposure trial and appellate litigation (with an emphasis on complex civil litigation) in federal and state courts throughout the country. Represented Dow Chemical and Dow Corning in multi-billion dollar mass tort, medical product liability, multi-district litigation, and multiparty suit seeking recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance and re-insurance proceeds. Responsible for development and coordination of national expert defense positions, including identification and preparation of expert witnesses as well as training of hundreds of attorneys nation wide.
- Other experience included M&A, antitrust counseling, employment matters, architectural malpractice, development of white paper positions for presentations to FTC and DOJ related to defense industry mergers and nation wide combination of cellular telephone technology, and land use conflicts.
- Member of Committees responsible for attorney recruiting, paralegal and support staff performance reviews, and attorney training.

CIVIC EXPERIENCE

DEERFIELD-BANNOCKBURN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Deerfield, IL - 2017 to Present

Trustee

- Member of a three person board of trustees responsible for the oversight of fire response and emergency care for the fire protection district, negotiating contract with FFA union employees, overseeing multi-million dollar budget and levying for taxes, and enacting policies that comply with federal, state, municipal, labor and fire safety laws

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago College of Law, Chicago, IL

LLM Health Law, May 2019

GPA 4.0/4.0

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*

GPA 3.33/4.0

- Assistant Editor, *Law Review*
- American Jurisprudence Award
- Research Assistant for Professor Peter Maggs

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL

Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*

VOLUNTEER / PUBLIC SERVICE

Former member of Bannockburn District 106 School Board; Vice Chairman Bannockburn Community Caucus; Volunteer at Midwest Young Artists; Parent volunteer at various schools and community organizations; Public Service Award recipient for *pro bono* legal services.

Bar Admission - Licensed in Illinois.