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Julia is a seasoned products liability and commercial litigator known for being both a fierce advocate and a thoughtful, professional presence in high stakes matters. She represents manufacturers of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and medical devices in single-plaintiff cases, coordinated litigation, and multidistrict proceedings in both federal and state courts.

Whether the case involves contraceptives, breast implants, pelvic mesh, or other complex medical products, Julia brings a strategic, hands-on approach grounded in deep experience. She has led matters from early case assessment through discovery, expert development, and, when necessary, trial—often navigating intricate scientific, regulatory, and reputational issues with clarity and precision. Julia's command of mass tort discovery is extensive: from managing voluminous document productions and e-discovery to preparing and deposing plaintiffs, fact witnesses, treaters, and experts. With a collaborative style and a strong grasp of both legal strategy and scientific detail, she partners closely with medical and technical experts to shape persuasive litigation themes.

Clients know Julia for being intensely responsive, the kind of lawyer who replies the moment she sees your message. She's emotionally intelligent, highly competitive, and strategically practical—the kind of advocate who builds trust quickly, communicates with clarity and respect, and moves cases forward efficiently and effectively. A steady and strategic presence on trial teams, Julia supports lead counsel with confidence earned through years of experience in complex, high-pressure litigation. She has worked across every phase of a case and is known for her ability to lead through complexity while keeping teams focused and aligned. Beyond her legal acumen, Julia is a connector and strategic thinker who helps clients manage immediate litigation while anticipating downstream legal risks in complex product liability matters.

A passionate champion of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Julia is the nationwide partner chair for Reed Smith's Hispanic/Latinx business inclusion group, UNIDOS. She currently serves as Vice President of Programs for the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), where she leads PODER25™—an ambitious initiative to elevate 20 Hispanic/Latinx attorneys to General Counsel roles by 2025. As past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBA-NJ), she founded the organization's first Scholarship Endowment. Julia has also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committees on Civil Practice and Minority Concerns, and on the U.S. District Court Merit Selection Committee for the District of New Jersey.

Julia's leadership and legal excellence have earned her numerous honors. She has been named one of NJBIZ's Top 50 Influential Attorneys in New Jersey and featured on ROI-NJ's Influencers List of the most impactful People of Color in the state. The HNBA has honored her as a Top Lawyer Under 40 and recognized the HBA-NJ under her leadership with its Affiliate of the Year Award.

Before joining Reed Smith, Julia clerked for the Hon. Esther Salas (U.S. District Court, D.N.J.) and the Hon. John E. Wallace, Jr. (Ret., N.J. Supreme Court). She earned her B.S.B.A. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law–Newark, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Rutgers Law Review* and President of the Association of Latin American Law Students. She is a proud Rutgers MSP graduate and is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York.