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Beth Herrington is an attorney that clients call to try and win their complicated matters. In the numerous trials and arbitrations she has handled, she typifies the very best qualities clients seek. She not only is a skilled attorney with the highest level of integrity; she is also a true advocate who quickly understands her clients' business objectives and then works collaboratively with clients to achieve them.

Beth's courtroom skills have earned her a reputation as a true "first chair" lawyer among her peers. "Beth has worked on some of the most complex cases in our firm, and has always distinguished herself through her outstanding legal talent, creative business strategy and remarkable interpersonal skills," said Jeffrey Stone, the firm-wide head of McDermott Will & Emery LLP's Trial Department. "She is known in the McDermott Trial Department as someone who excels on her feet and is always ready for a tough courtroom challenge."

For example, Gunter Brodl, President of Vogelbusch USA, Inc. ("Vogelbusch"), highlighted Beth's successful defense of a bet-the-company claim against Vogelbusch. Brodl praised Beth's ability to think quickly on her feet and simplify highly technical engineering matters for the jury. He added that "Beth showed great skill in cross examination of witnesses and was able to lead a particularly troublesome opposing expert witness to virtual self-destruction."

In addition to her outstanding courtroom

performances, Beth is equally at home handling high-stakes, national litigation. For the past 3 years, Beth has actively represented Orbitz Worldwide, a Chicago-based online travel services company. Over the past few years, Beth has defended Orbitz in a series of 41 related tax cases. Of these cases, 17 were pending in federal court and 24 in state court. More than half of these cases were complex class actions, and nearly each one involved a different group of aggressive plaintiff's counsel. Beth, though, has skillfully led Orbitz to a string of victories in these cases, allowing the online company to maintain an important business

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model. Officials with the company are quick to praise Beth's efforts:

"Beth possesses an unusual ability to handle the multi-faceted aspects of complex litigation under difficult circumstances, while maintaining her focus and inspiring the confidence of her clients," said Karen Klein, general counsel for Kayak Software Corporation and former general counsel for Orbitz. "When Beth was

handling our cases, I always knew that she would represent the company with integrity and with our business interests at the forefront of her mind."

Finally, Beth wins a broad range of cases. She handles various types of commercial cases, consumer class actions, and even probate matters. She recently played a leading role representing a trustee in a case brought by charitable beneficiaries of Ruth Lilly (an heir to the Eli Lilly pharmaceutical fortune), alleging more than \$100 million in damages for the alleged failure to diversify a trust portfolio. Because the case involved a matter of first impression under a relatively new uniform law, the banking community watched it carefully. Beth helped the trustee achieve an important summary judgment ruling in its favor, which was later affirmed on appeal.

David Wells, a senior partner with McGuire Woods with over 30 years of experience, observes that "without a doubt [Beth] is an extraordinarily gifted lawyer." Joseph Fisher, Senior Vice President and General Counsel with Burr Ridge-based Affirmative Insurance Holdings adds that "While only 36 years old, she has accomplished a great deal as a trial attorney. I have no doubt she will be a leader of the Chicago legal community for years to come." *

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