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**Location**

New Orleans, LA

**Practice Areas**

- Class Actions
- General Casualty Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Toxic Tort & Environmental

**Jurisdictions**

- Louisiana

Margaret "Peggy" Joffe received her law degree from Loyola University School of Law in 1986. She practiced in New Orleans in the areas of personal injury defense, maritime defense and general insurance defense before joining Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, L.L.P. in January, 2001.

Ms. Joffe handles matters in the areas of toxic tort, casualty litigation, class action and insurance defense. She is a member of the Louisiana, American and Federal Bar Associations and is active in the New Orleans Pro Bono Project. Ms. Joffe has taught Trial Advocacy at Loyola School of Law and has been a regular faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

**Professional Activities and Honors**

Board of Directors, St. Tammany Association of Retarded Citizens

**Education**

J.D., Loyola University, 1986  
B.S., Loyola University, 1979

**Representative Works**

**Toxic Tort - Product Liability - Negligence**

Ms. Adams, Ms. Joffe and Mr. Stout defended an insulation supplier and contractor in a \$2.5 million product liability and negligence case in which the plaintiff alleged that products sold and used by the defendant caused his mesothelioma. Both a motion for involuntary dismissal filed at the close of trial and a post-trial memoranda led to the dismissal of the case almost five months after the close of the trial.

*Bruce Spillman v. Anco Insulations, Inc., et al.*, 19th J.D.C.

**Mesothelioma Defense**

Ms. Joffe and Ms. Baglio defended this case brought by the family of a deceased industry worker who was diagnosed with mesothelioma. The family alleged that the worker's illness was caused by his exposure to asbestos throughout his work career. The jury trial concluded in May 2006.

*John W. McFadden, et al. v. Anco Insulations, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 29,455, Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana.

**Speeches and Presentations**

**Closing Statements**

Co-presentation by Ms. Joffe, Masters of the Courtroom, December 14, 2006.