

Product Liability

Our Product Liability team, an eight-time *Law360* Practice Group of the Year, leverages knowledge of the complex science and technology behind today's products to deliver litigation victories. With over 175 lawyers across the world, we handle the most significant individual, multidistrict, mass tort and class action lawsuits for product manufacturers, including pharmaceutical, medical device, automotive, transportation, tobacco, consumer product and chemical manufacturers.

Drawing on the collective knowledge of our FDA, regulatory, e-discovery, government investigations and appellate teams, we work with our clients to develop and execute a comprehensive and proactive strategy tailored to our clients' objectives. When that strategy requires trying a case, we offer our clients a unique range of trial experience that is increasingly unusual in firms of our size. While many firms have the ability to "litigate" cases, we have that ability plus we try product cases each year in some of the most challenging jurisdictions for corporate clients.

Automotive work has been a staple of our practice for over 50 years. Manufacturers frequently turn to our top-ranked Automotive Litigation Team for their highest profile matters, drawing on our deep bench to successfully manage and try catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases, as well as to develop strategies for complex resolutions of bet-the-company litigation.

Our Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation Team, ranked Tier 1 by *Legal 500*, helps manufacturers navigate the litigation life cycle, from risk assessments through trial and appeal. Working with more than 300 lawyers and professionals who devote all or a substantial portion of their practices to life-sciences clients, we know the industry and governing laws better than anyone.

The lawyers in our Tobacco and Consumer Products Trial Practice regularly try complex issues with sympathetic facts before juries and try as many cases each year (13 in 2019)

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Recognition

Band 1 for Nationwide
Product Liability & Mass
Torts: The Elite

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-
2024

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Product Liability & Mass
Torts: Toxic Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023-
2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,

as any other group in the country. With this wealth of trial experience comes the unique ability to take an array of complex and challenging facts, translate them into plain English, and communicate them effectively to a jury.

Cases & Deals

April 21, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Another Defense Jury Verdict for Johnson & Johnson in Cosmetic Talcum Powder Litigation

April 9, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Another Victory for Boehringer Ingelheim in Zantac-Related Retrial

March 14, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Complete Defense Verdict for Terumo in Bellwether Ethylene Oxide Case

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Insights

ARTICLE

September 3, 2024

Raise a Glass to EDNY for Its Consumer-Empowering Opinion

CLIENT ALERT

July 8, 2024

Finally! FDA Issues Updated Draft Guidance on Diversity Action Plans Mandated by FDORA

CLIENT ALERT

May 23, 2024

EPA Releases Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution

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Events

CONFERENCE

May 1, 2025

Annual California Life Sciences Summit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

February 20, 2025

Geoffrey Drake to Speak at the DRI 2025 Product Liability Conference

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February 20, 2025

Amanda Klingler and Mark Sentenac to Speak at ACI's 2nd Annual Life Sciences AI Summit

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News

Mass Tort and Class Action:
Defense – Pharmaceuticals
and Medical Devices

LEGAL 500, 2020-2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,
Mass Tort and Class
Actions: Defense –
Automotive/Transport

LEGAL 500, 2020-2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,
Mass Tort and Class
Actions: Defense –
Consumer Products

LEGAL 500, 2023-2024

Transportation Practice
Group of the Year

LAW360, 2021

Product Liability Practice
Group of the Year

LAW360, 2013-2018, 2020

IN THE NEWS

April 18, 2025

Cory Hohnbaum, Rob Friedman and Lauren Lutton are recognized in this week's Law.com Litigator of the Week Runner's Up and Shout Outs for their win on behalf of Boehringer Ingelheim in a dispute over claims the heartburn medication Zantac increases the risk of cancer

IN THE NEWS

April 15, 2025

E-Discovery partner Chris Costello joins the firm's Product Liability and Mass Torts practice group in Los Angeles

PRESS RELEASE

April 14, 2025

King & Spalding Welcomes E-Discovery Partner Chris Costello to Product Liability and Mass Torts Practice Group in Los Angeles

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