

# Toxic & Environmental Torts

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King & Spalding lawyers have successfully litigated, tried, and resolved toxic tort and environmental cases in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including in the most plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions. We have handled vast and overlapping discovery obligations, navigated thorny legal theories, defeated class certification, tackled complex technical and scientific issues, and managed difficult facts.

We provide comprehensive resolution options for clients facing complex cases asserting myriad claims due to alleged contamination or toxic exposures. Our lawyers are at the forefront of many of the high-exposure and high-profile environmental cases in the country including cases related to alleged exposure to naturally occurring substances and solvents such as:

- Trichloroethylene (TCE)
- Perchloroethylene (PCE)
- Trichloroacetic acid (TCA)
- Paraquat
- Ethylene Oxide
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and other “Forever Chemicals”
- Asbestos
- Talc
- MTBE
- Other claimed toxins

We understand our clients’ business objectives, assess their challenges, identify litigation and resolution options, and develop and implement strategies to resolve individual cases or litigation dockets – whether through trial, arbitration, mediation, or settlement. We partner with our clients to address litigation in a cost-effective manner that meets our clients’ strategic goals.

We are nationally recognized by leading industry publications such as *Legal 500*, where we are ranked in Tier

## Capability Lawyers



John P. Hooper  
*New York*



Alexander Calfo  
*Los Angeles*



Bruce Hurley  
*Houston*



Tracie J. Renfroe  
*Houston*



Matthew J. Blaschke (Matt)  
*San Francisco*



Carmen R. Toledo  
*Atlanta*

## Recognition

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

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-  
2024

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

1 for toxic tort work, and *Chambers & Partners* where we are ranked as an “Elite” firm for product liability and mass torts work; and our team has achieved favorable outcomes for clients in a wide range of industries.

**Experience.** Our lawyers handle individual, class and mass joinder cases brought by all types of plaintiffs, from property owners to water districts to consumers. We are well-versed on the claims in these cases, including personal injury, fear, increased risk of disease, medical monitoring, property damage, and business losses.

**Technical Understanding.** We have strong technical backgrounds. Our understanding of the scientific, medical, and technical issues in toxic tort and environmental cases is built on decades of practice, having presented and cross-examined hundreds of experts in diverse scientific disciplines. Our lawyers can translate complex environmental and scientific issues into language that judges and juries can understand.

**Relationships.** We have a network of local counsel, including trial-tested veterans in the most difficult, plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions in the country, and we are supported by experienced appellate counsel.

**Trial.** We have a deep bench of first-chair trial lawyers. We try high-exposure cases and win.

**Class Actions.** We have achieved success in every facet of class action litigation, defeating class certification in virtually every state and against every conceivable theory of recovery.

## Cases & Deals

*April 21, 2025*

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

*March 14, 2025*

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

*February 7, 2025*

King & Spalding Defeats Motion to Dismiss in Trade Libel Case

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## Insights

### CLIENT ALERT

*April 14, 2025*

Defining Waters of the United States: EPA and Army Corps Seek Public Input on New WOTUS Rule

### CLIENT ALERT

## Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

LEGAL 500 US, 2022-2024

## Environmental Practice Group of the Year

LAW360 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 AND 2018

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

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-2024

## Band 1 for Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts: Toxic Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023-2024

## Tier 1 for Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Actions: 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

March 6, 2025

Supreme Court Rules EPA's Wastewater Discharge Permits May Not Include "End-Result" Provisions

#### CLIENT ALERT

September 25, 2024

EPA Approves Indirect Source Rule to Reduce Emissions from Warehouses in Southern California Air District, Potentially Paving the Way for Other Air Regulators Across the United States to Issue Similar Rules

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#### Events

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

April 4, 2025

Peter Hsiao to Speak at the 2025 Los Angeles County Bar Association Environmental Spring Symposium

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

December 9, 2024

Nicholas Howell to Speak at the 2024 Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition Annual Meeting

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 21, 2024

Karl Heisler to Speak at 33rd Annual Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law

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#### News

##### RECOGNITION

April 9, 2025

Tracie Renfroe Inducted Into American College of Environmental Lawyers

##### PRESS RELEASE

March 31, 2025

Product Liability and Mass Torts Litigator Jordan Sagalowsky Joins King & Spalding in New York

##### IN THE NEWS

March 31, 2025

Litigator Jordan Sagalowsky joins the firm's Product Liability and Mass Torts practice group in New York

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