

CLEAR DIRECTION IN
COMPLEX CASES

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Practice Areas

Overview
Business Litigation
Civil Rights
Elevator Liability
Employment Law
General Litigation
Governmental, Municipal &
School Liability
Higher Education Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Mediation
Product Liability

Product Liability

Each of our partners has substantial trial experience in product liability cases. Damages tried include the entire personal-injury spectrum, wrongful death, dismemberment, personal injury and property damage, including both compensatory and punitive-damage claims.

We have represented a major defendant in virtually every piece of industry-wide litigation including:

- ▶ Aircraft
- ▶ Asbestos
- ▶ Carding machine
- ▶ Carnival ride
- ▶ Caustic cleaning solution
- ▶ Ceramic cookware
- ▶ Coffee makers
- ▶ Computer keyboards
- ▶ Diving platform
- ▶ Elevators
- ▶ Engine lathe
- ▶ Escalators
- ▶ Exploding barrels
- ▶ High-pressure water jetting equipment
- ▶ Industrial laundry dryer
- ▶ Laboratory hotplate (electric)
- ▶ Milling machine
- ▶ Oil filter
- ▶ Pelvic mesh
- ▶ Ping-pong table
- ▶ Printing press
- ▶ Reclining, swivel-base chair
- ▶ Scaffolding
- ▶ Sick buildings
- ▶ Silica
- ▶ Steel reinforcing rod
- ▶ Stoneware and glass plates
- ▶ Swimming pools
- ▶ Talc
- ▶ Tennis-ball practice machine
- ▶ Textile warping machine



Toxic Torts
Workplace Investigations

We have developed broad expertise in the technical and legal aspects of product liability claims, and we utilize this expertise to provide a reasoned approach to these lawsuits. We have worked with a large number of technical experts -- engineers, human factors experts, and others -- who provide helpful direction in the development of the defense of a lawsuit, and necessary expert testimony at trial.

Much of this work has been at the retention of insurance carriers, but we frequently represent self-insured and uninsured manufacturers and other companies, and occasionally provide a shared-cost defense for several defendants or carriers in the same litigation. Our practice also includes advice in product liability prevention, including warnings and instructions.

Our experience has given us tremendous knowledge of manufacturing systems and processes, and the great range of regulations, such as OSHA and state regulations, governing safety in a variety of workplaces. We also frequently encounter voluntary standards applicable to various types of products, such as those promulgated by ANSI, ASTM, and other organizations.