

Transportation Tort Litigation Practice

Keeping Motor Carriers on the Road



Vehicle accidents are inevitable, regardless of the quality of the driver's training or the adequacy of a company's safety program. This truism applies equally to personal injury litigation. Solving these recurring legal and business problems requires more than a case-by-case approach.

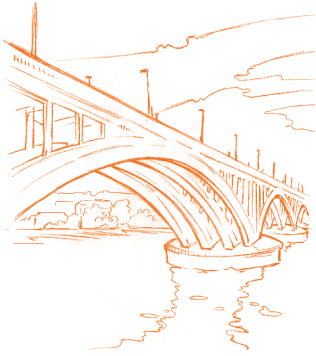
King & Spalding addresses this reality by employing a comprehensive strategy in defending motor carriers against claims involving wrongful death and catastrophic injury. We leverage our talent and resources to help fleet operators both inside and outside the courtroom.

With an "Immediate Response Team" in place to provide on-call assistance, King & Spalding is available from the moment an accident occurs, during any resulting DOT investigation, and through any subsequent personal injury litigation. We analyze existing systems and recommend changes to reduce the number and consequences of future accidents. When needed, we have a trial team with a proven track record of national experience, including in some of the most notorious jurisdictions in the country. In short, we provide motor carriers with the tools to better manage their exposure.

Proven Experience

- Obtaining defense verdict on claims of negligent training and supervision in wrongful death matter
- Securing dismissal of punitive damages claim based on "culture of speed" allegations
- Successfully litigating punitive damages claim involving company's decision to equip its entire domestic fleet of vehicles with new safety equipment
- Developing content for extranet available to national network of outside counsel in personal injury litigation
- Coordinating defense to punitive damage claims made in all personal injury matters across the country
- Counseling on privilege issues implicated by crisis management plan
- Advising company with worldwide operations on response to recall involving equipment used in all domestic distribution centers

Clients cite the merits of the 'depth and talent of [King & Spalding's transportation] team'. Clients further appreciate its 'superb trial capabilities', 'first-rate lawyers' and 'superior trial strategy'."



King & Spalding's tort litigators are experts in managing repetitive litigation. We have developed a number of systems, procedures, and relationships that help clients minimize the cost of lawsuits.

Representative Clients

- Allied Holdings
- Freightliner
- Gemini Traffic Sales
- International Shipping Supply Company

Delivering Litigation Efficiencies

Early Case Assessment

- Because of the high costs of discovery, early case assessment is critical. Our experience allows us to advise clients on liability outcomes and to provide creative solutions to pending or threatened claims.

Coordinating Fact Investigations

- We have procedures for investigating multiple claims simultaneously and coordinating these investigations for maximum efficiency. Using investigative teams, we control the scope of investigations conducted by third party vendors, thus eliminating unnecessary work and preventing duplication.

Witness Processes

- We identify and develop sturdy company witnesses who can appreciate the gamesmanship in litigation and are knowledgeable enough to answer the questions posed by aggressive plaintiffs' lawyers. We also have extensive experience in identifying, developing and preparing expert witnesses.

Centralized Discovery

- The use of centralized discovery ensures uniform responses, prevents plaintiff's lawyers from capitalizing on inconsistencies, and reduces the amount of review and editing required by in-house staff.

Large Scale Document Productions

- We have a proven track record in coordinating and completing large, time-sensitive document projects. We have developed methods to economically manage the production of hundreds of thousands of pages of documents.

Litigation Technology

- We have our own in-house litigation support group that uses state-of-the-art technology to increase the efficiency of our trial lawyers. Document imaging, database creation, email analysis and the use of extranets are among the tools used by our technology group to assist our trial lawyers in performing their work as efficiently as possible.

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