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PRACTICES

Toxic Tort Litigation
Product Liability Litigation
Environmental Litigation
Mass Tort
Consumer Class Action

MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
State Bar of Georgia
Atlanta Bar Association

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk, The Honorable Pierce Lively, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Virginia
A.B., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Duke University

ADMISSIONS

Georgia
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

PROFILE

Kevin Buster is a senior trial partner with King & Spalding in Atlanta. He has over 30 years of courtroom experience in a wide variety of cases including toxic tort, product liability, environmental tort, criminal, antitrust and commercial cases. Over the past 25 years, however, he has concentrated almost exclusively in the defense of toxic tort, product liability and environmental tort cases. He has defended cases in these three areas throughout the country, including in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia. These cases have involved a wide variety of chemical substances, including dioxins, PCBs, pesticides, metals, solvents, gasses, odors, petroleum products, food products, pharmaceutical, chemical warfare agents, asbestos, vinyl chloride and others; and have involved exposure/contamination in a variety of contexts, including workplace, residential, environmental and product exposures. Representative clients include Beazer Homes, Cooper Industries, Dow Chemical Company, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Halliburton, Hercules/Ashland, Honeywell International, Lincoln Electric Company and other welding rod manufacturers, Texaco and Union Carbide Corporation.

According to *Legal 500*, King & Spalding's mass toxic tort practice is one of only three ranked nationally in the Tier One category, "with Atlanta-based Kevin Buster identified as the firm's standout individual for toxic torts."

Mr. Buster is the head of the Toxic Tort Litigation Practice Group at the firm.

Awards and Recognitions

- Legal 500 - Tier One in Mass Toxic Tort Litigation
- Georgia Super Lawyer for several years

MATTERS

Mr. Buster's recent representations include:

- National counsel to Beazer Homes in its Chinese drywall docket, consisting of individual and putative class actions in state and federal court, including a federal MDL proceeding in which he serves as a member of the Homebuilders Steering Committee, involving claims of personal injury and property damage arising out of alleged residential exposure to sulfide gases from defective drywall manufactured in China.
- National counsel to Union Carbide in its vinyl chloride docket, comprising individual and class actions in numerous state and federal courts throughout the U.S. involving claims of conspiracy and personal injuries arising out of alleged exposure to vinyl chloride.
- Lead counsel for Hercules in numerous cases involving allegations of personal injury or property damage arising out of alleged exposure

to toxaphene, a pesticide formerly manufactured by Hercules.

- Lead Georgia counsel for Lincoln Electric and other welding rod companies in several hundred cases in Georgia involving claims of conspiracy and personal injury arising out of alleged exposure to manganese fumes from welding rods.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

NEWS

05 Mar 2013	**Seventy-seven King & Spalding Lawyers Recognized in 2013 Edition of Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine**
30 May 2012	**Legal 500 Recognizes 21 King & Spalding Practices And 68 Firm Lawyers in Latest U.S. Guide**
27 Feb 2012	**Super Lawyers Magazine Counts 84 King & Spalding Lawyers Among Georgia's Finest**
06 Jun 2011	**King & Spalding Profile in Legal 500's U.S. Guide Swells to 17 Practice and 55 Individual Rankings**
28 Feb 2011	**Eighty-Two King & Spalding Lawyers Counted Amongst Georgia's Best in "Super Lawyers" Magazine**
16 Mar 2010	**83 at King & Spalding Recognized As 'Georgia Super Lawyers' and 35 as 'Georgia Rising Stars'**
06 Mar 2009	**79 at King & Spalding Recognized As 'Georgia Super Lawyers' and 20 as 'Georgia Rising Stars'**
28 Feb 2008	**Seventy King & Spalding Lawyers Named to 2008 'Georgia Super Lawyers' List**
02 Apr 2007	**Sixty-Nine King & Spalding Attorneys Named 2007 "Georgia Super Lawyers"**
08 Mar 2006	**Seventy-Two King & Spalding Attorneys Named "Georgia Super Lawyers"**

PUBLICATIONS

19 Aug 2010	**Understanding NC V. Tennessee Valley Authority**
18 Mar 2008	**Georgia Supreme Court Upholds New Expert Standards**