KING & SPALDING

Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Tort Practice Trusted Advisors to the Health Sciences Industry



Today's product liability cases reach far beyond one courtroom, requiring more than a case-by-case approach. Because we take a strategic approach to litigation, King & Spalding's product liability practice is recognized as one of the best in the nation. Recognizing that our clients need to protect their businesses, including the continued viability of their products in the marketplace, our lawyers work together with both our FDA & Life Sciences practice group and our Government Investigations team to provide a 360° defense. As one client noted, "Cases can spill over into other things like regulatory issues ... King & Spalding can bring it all." And we do.

- The largest health law practice in the nation, according to the American Health Lawyers Association, providing additional depth of experience on healthcare regulatory and litigation issues.
- A stable of specialists in the relevant sciences, as well as former FDA and DEA regulatory officials who provide highly sophisticated support to our litigation defense.
- IP attorneys who successfully represent biotechnology and pharmaceutical clients in prosecuting, obtaining and defending patents.

Trial Ready When Needed

We add to our strategic approach a range of trial experience that is increasingly unusual in firms of our size. We try cases every year throughout the nation. With four Fellows in the American College of Trial Lawyers, an organization whose members are elected based on actual courtroom experience, we serve notice to opposing counsel that they should not count their cases as settled.

Our trial experience provides many benefits:

- A long track record of defending class actions, having served as lead counsel
 in hundreds of class actions filed in more than 40 states and having tried class
 actions to verdict.
- A team devoted specifically to identifying and preparing medical and scientific expert witnesses and strategically attacking plaintiffs' experts, resulting in their exclusion on *Daubert* grounds.
- A record of successfully representing clients in all the U.S. Circuit Courts, the U.S.
 Supreme Court and most of the state appellate courts across the country, including plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions when the trial result is virtually preordained.
- State-of-the-art litigation support capabilities, where we lead the way in developing efficient computer-based litigation support systems to alleviate the burden of discovery while meeting the demands of e-discovery.

Product Liability "Law Firm of the Year" in 2016

Law360

Mass Tort / Class Action "Law Firm of the Year" in 2015

U.S. News & World Report

Life Sciences "Law Firm of the Year" in 2017

Law360



"The firm's life sciences litigators are 'terrific – first-rate lawyers, closely aligned with the client's objectives; dedicated, responsive, and able to work with a whole lot of moving pieces and to see the big picture; excellent judgment'."

The Legal 500

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Nationally Recognized

- Named Product Liability "Practice Group of the Year" by Law360 every year since 2013.
- Law360 named King & Spalding Life Sciences "Law Firm of the Year" in 2016.
- Selected as "Law Firm of the Year" for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action by U.S. News & World Report in 2015.
- U.S. News & World Report named King & Spalding "Law Firm of the Year" for FDA law in 2016.
- Named "FDA Medical Device Firm of the Year" by LMG Life Sciences in 2013.
- Ranked among the 25 "most decorated law firms" in *The American Lawyer*'s Litigation Power Rankings.
- Consistently recognized as a leading product liability practice by *The Legal 500* and *Chambers USA*, which cited our achievements on behalf of our clients in the pharmaceutical industry.
- Named one of the top four product liability practices in the United States by *The American Lawyer* in 2012.
- Recognized by corporate counsel at Fortune 100 companies as a top law firm for superior client service.

Proven Experience

- We represent **Bristol-Myers Squibb** and AstraZeneca in litigation in state and federal courts related to treatment with Onglyza[®], a type 2 diabetes therapy.
- For the past 17 years, we have represented **GlaxoSmithKline** as national coordinating counsel and lead trial counsel in product liability litigation involving the antidepressant Paxil[®]. We are also GSK's national discovery counsel.
- We serve as national coordinating co-counsel and lead trial counsel for **Purdue Pharma** in litigation involving the pain medication OxyContin® and related civil investigations. Purdue has obtained more than 400 dismissals, including over 30 orders granting summary judgment, and has defeated 15 putative class actions. We also serve as liaison for Purdue's coordinated defense with Abbott, which copromoted OxyContin®.
- We serve as co-lead counsel for **Merck** in federal multi-district proceedings pending in New Jersey involving the osteoporosis medication Fosamax[®]. We also serve as **Merck's** national coordinating counsel for litigation involving claims that the asthma medication Singulair[®] causes suicidal thoughts and behavior.
- We serve as national coordinating counsel for AstraZeneca, overseeing all the cases involving allegations of injury from the ingestion of Crestor[®], currently consolidated in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Representative Clients

- Astrazeneca
- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Cephalon, Inc.
- Gilead Sciences
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Merck
- Merial
- Olympus Corporation
- Purdue Pharma
- Serologicals Corporation
- UCB