

Trial Practice

We Try Cases



King & Spalding lawyers have a passion for winning lawsuits. We offer the unusual combination of big firm litigation resources and lawyers who regularly try high exposure and mission-critical cases. We fight effectively and efficiently. Judges believe us, juries understand us, and adversaries respect us. We have proven experience in a wide range of complex litigation, including class actions and mass tort cases, involving environmental contamination, toxic tort, product liability, and environmental justice claims.

We Believe in Aggressive Case Management

Our lawyers have earned their reputations in the most difficult no-holds-barred battles faced by our clients in hostile venues. We have successfully presented to juries the complex issues that are at the heart of “bet-the-company” disputes. We have deep experience in serving as national counsel in multiparty, multi-jurisdictional disputes. We are veterans of the discovery wars.

We Understand the Costs of Litigation

Our clients hire us to achieve the best result possible at a fair cost. We understand that our clients are not in the “litigation business.” We prepare each case with an eye toward trial, but we continuously look for opportunities for pretrial resolution. Lawsuits, investigations, and other dispute proceedings require continual attention to efficient, effective use of resources, and we constantly look for ways to improve the service our clients receive for the money they spend.

We Understand the Court of Public Opinion

We are often called upon to litigate unpopular or emotionally charged cases where our client’s behavior, culture, and integrity are subject to intense public scrutiny. We understand that goodwill can be compromised by ill-conceived legal strategy or by a company’s failure to publicly address the misimpressions created by the media.

Sources recognize the expertise on offer at this excellent litigation practice, particularly in the areas of toxic tort / environmental and products liability matters, and clients hail its ‘intellectual power and deep experience.’



"The ideal trial lawyer is passionate in the courtroom and seeks solutions in the boardroom, recognizing the soundest legal strategy embraces a deep understanding of business principles. At heart, the best trial lawyers are tireless advocates—in mind, they are problem solvers."

- The late Hon.
Griffin B. Bell

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Our experience has taught us how to manage the delicate balance between zealous advocacy and political reality, allowing us to battle effectively in the courtroom and in the “court of public opinion.”

We Are Recognized for Our Trial Skills

King & Spalding has been consistently recognized as a top litigation firm by Chambers USA, Law 360, and The American Lawyer. More than 60 of our trial lawyers are named in The Best Lawyers in America. Twelve (plus an additional 10 retired partners) are Fellows of The American College of Trial Lawyers. More than 50 of our litigation partners are named as leaders in their fields by Chambers USA.

We Build Upon Valuable Experience

More than 100 of our lawyers are former judicial clerks at the trial court or appellate level. More than 60 of our lawyers have worked for various federal government departments or agencies, including the DOJ, EPA, FCC, FDA, FIC and U.S. Attorney's Offices. Before coming to King & Spalding, our litigators have worked as certified public accountants, mechanical engineers, journalists, lobbyists, electrical engineers, computer scientists and programmers, businessmen, biologists, compliance officers, chemists, marketing and sales experts, government officials, and former law enforcement and military officers.

Recent Trials

In the last few years alone, we have tried cases to verdict for the following clients:

- Bank of America
- CHEP USA
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
- Delta
- Equifax
- ESAB Group
- General Motors
- Georgia-Pacific
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Hobart Brothers
- Johnson & Johnson
- Kia Motors America, Inc.
- KBR, Inc.
- Lincoln Electric Company
- Praxair
- Purdue Pharma L.P.
- Quest Diagnostics
- R.J. Reynolds
- Shell
- Sprint Nextel
- Teledyne McKay
- Union Carbide

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