

Asbestos Practice Group

A One-Firm Solution



King & Spalding's Asbestos Practice Group serves clients in every phase of modern asbestos litigation, from trying cases that cannot be settled reasonably to cost-effective management of asbestos dockets, including pre-trial discovery, expert and dispositive motions, and negotiation of one-off or block settlements.

The Asbestos Practice Group serves as National Coordinating Counsel for a safety equipment manufacturer and has served as National Coordinating Counsel for General Motors, Ford, Honeywell and National Service Industries. We have developed a streamlined approach to managing dockets that makes heavy use of template pleadings and discovery demands and responses as well as experienced paralegals and staff attorneys. We have also served as legislative and appellate counsel on asbestos issues for various clients, including Georgia-Pacific Corporation.

360° Asbestos Docket Management

We partner with clients in every facet of asbestos docket management drawing together lawyers from throughout the firm who are best suited to handle each particular client situation.

- **Case Management:** overall strategy, identifying high risk cases, discovery needs, cost control, local counsel selection and supervision, motions, proven procedures used for other asbestos clients.
- **Administrative Issues:** managing the old inventory and matrix agreements, reviewing and negotiating new agreements where appropriate, creating databases, extranet.
- **Documents:** working with e-discovery and document management experts, developing protocols for efficient document collection and production.
- **Experts:** extensive knowledge of plaintiffs' experts and commonly-stated theories and experience challenging the admissibility of their opinions, as well as developing and defending defense experts.

Since 2003, King & Spalding lawyers have managed approximately 60,000 asbestos cases, and have resolved more than 25,000.

Law360 has named King & Spalding "Product Liability Practice Group of the Year" for four consecutive years.

King & Spalding is ranked a top product liability firm in the nation by the *American Lawyer*, *The National Law Journal*, and *Chambers USA*.

Law360 named King & Spalding "Environmental Group of the Year" in 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2018.

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- **Budgeting:** overall reliable annual, quarterly, monthly, weekly budgets – indemnity and defense, witness budgets, local counsel budgets.
- **Settlement:** negotiating hot cases, supervising local counsel, reliable knowledge of pipeline, assistance with payments, liens, and settlement documentation.
- **Defense Development:** company conduct notebook, removal notebook, company witnesses, experts, documents, local counsel tutorial.
- **Trials and Appeals:** top flight trial lawyers, no fear of trying cases, motions evaluation, local counsel tutorial and oversight, top appellate teams.

Proven Asbestos Experience

- National Coordinating Counsel and California Trial Counsel for **Mine Safety Appliances**, a safety equipment manufacturer managing approximately 10,000 asbestos cases.
- California Coordinating Counsel for **Johnson & Johnson**, managing its entire California docket of talc/asbestos cases, as well as trial counsel for these matters.
- Asbestos Trial Counsel for **Navistar**, Inc.
- Coordinating counsel and trial and motions counsel for **General Motors** and **Ford**, managing more than 30,000 asbestos cases.
- Asbestos issue appellate counsel, trial counsel and national coordinating counsel on expert and science issues for **Georgia-Pacific Corporation**.
- Asbestos trial counsel for **Honeywell**.
- Trial and appellate asbestos counsel for **Exxon Mobil**.

National Coordinating Counsel Experience

- Lead counsel for **ConocoPhillips Company** in numerous climate change cases filed in California and New York.
- National litigation counsel for **Chevron Corporation** in MTBE cases in which municipalities, water purveyors, State AGs, and individuals claim that MTBE has contaminated public drinking water supplies in California, New York and many other states.
- National coordinating and lead trial counsel for **The Dow Chemical Company** in cases filed throughout the country alleging groundwater contamination with chlorinated solvents (TCE, PCE, TCA).
- National consumer class action counsel for **The Home Depot**.
- National litigation counsel for **Equifax** in consumer credit litigation.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel for **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company** and its predecessor **Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.** in tobacco litigation in several states.
- National coordinating counsel for **Union Carbide** in scores of vinyl chloride litigation cases filed in 19 states.
- National coordinating co-counsel and lead national trial counsel for **Purdue Pharma, L.P.** in OxyContin® litigation.
- National coordinating counsel for **Merck** in Singulair® litigation.
- National coordinating counsel and lead national trial and appellate counsel for **GlaxoSmithKline** in Paxil® litigation.
- National discovery counsel for numerous clients, including **UPS, Toyota, Purdue Pharma, GlaxoSmithKline, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Lockheed Martin**.

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