

Product Liability

Our Product Liability team, an eight-time *Law360* Practice Group of the Year, leverages knowledge of the complex science and technology behind today's products to deliver litigation victories. With over 175 lawyers across the world, we handle the most significant individual, multidistrict, mass tort and class action lawsuits for product manufacturers, including pharmaceutical, medical device, automotive, transportation, tobacco, consumer product and chemical manufacturers.

Drawing on the collective knowledge of our FDA, regulatory, e-discovery, government investigations and appellate teams, we work with our clients to develop and execute a comprehensive and proactive strategy tailored to our clients' objectives. When that strategy requires trying a case, we offer our clients a unique range of trial experience that is increasingly unusual in firms of our size. While many firms have the ability to "litigate" cases, we have that ability plus we try product cases each year in some of the most challenging jurisdictions for corporate clients.

Automotive work has been a staple of our practice for over 50 years. Manufacturers frequently turn to our top-ranked Automotive Litigation Team for their highest profile matters, drawing on our deep bench to successfully manage and try catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases, as well as to develop strategies for complex resolutions of bet-the-company litigation.

Our Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation Team, ranked Tier 1 by *Legal 500*, helps manufacturers navigate the litigation life cycle, from risk assessments through trial and appeal. Working with more than 300 lawyers and professionals who devote all or a substantial portion of their practices to life-sciences clients, we know the industry and governing laws better than anyone.

The lawyers in our Tobacco and Consumer Products Trial Practice regularly try complex issues with sympathetic facts before juries and try as many cases each year (13 in 2019)

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Recognition

Band 1 for Nationwide
Product Liability & Mass
Torts: The Elite

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-
2024

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Torts: Toxic Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023-
2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,

as any other group in the country. With this wealth of trial experience comes the unique ability to take an array of complex and challenging facts, translate them into plain English, and communicate them effectively to a jury.

Cases & Deals

November 25, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Another Victory for Boehringer Ingelheim in Zantac-Related Trial

October 10, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Significant Victory for R.J. Reynolds

August 28, 2025

King & Spalding Secures Another Victory for Boehringer Ingelheim in Zantac-Related Trial

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Insights

ARTICLE

March 11, 2025

Product Regulation and Liability: Multi-District Litigation

ARTICLE

September 3, 2024

Raise a Glass to EDNY for Its Consumer-Empowering Opinion

CLIENT ALERT

July 8, 2024

Finally! FDA Issues Updated Draft Guidance on Diversity Action Plans Mandated by FDORA

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Events

CONFERENCE

November 4, 2025

King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University 2025

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

September 12, 2025

Julia Zousmer to Speak at the American Law Institute's MDL in Motion: Evolving Practices, Emerging Leaders, and Reform program

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

May 1, 2025

Madison Kitchens to Speak at the American Bar Association's Annual Litigation Section Conference

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News

Mass Tort and Class Action:
Defense – Pharmaceuticals
and Medical Devices

LEGAL 500, 2020-2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,
Mass Tort and Class
Actions: Defense –
Automotive/Transport

LEGAL 500, 2020-2024

Tier 1 for Product Liability,
Mass Tort and Class
Actions: Defense –
Consumer Products

LEGAL 500, 2023-2024

Transportation Practice
Group of the Year

LAW360, 2021

Product Liability Practice
Group of the Year

LAW360, 2013-2018, 2020

IN THE NEWS

December 5, 2025

K&S is recognized in this week's Law.com Litigator of the Week Runners Up for their victory on behalf of Boehringer Ingelheim in a Zantac-related jury trial before an Illinois state court

PRESS RELEASE

December 2, 2025

Former Home Depot Associate General Counsel Will Barnette Joins King & Spalding in Atlanta

IN THE NEWS

December 2, 2025

Former Home Depot Associate General Counsel Will Barnette joins the firm's Business Litigation practice group as a partner in the Atlanta office

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