

Toxic & Environmental Torts

King & Spalding lawyers have successfully litigated, tried, and resolved toxic tort and environmental cases in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including in the most plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions.

We have handled vast and overlapping discovery obligations, navigated thorny legal theories, defeated class certification, tackled complex technical and scientific issues, and managed difficult facts.

We provide comprehensive resolution options for clients facing complex cases asserting myriad claims due to alleged contamination or toxic exposures. We understand our clients' issues, assess their challenges, identify litigation and resolution options, and develop and implement strategies to resolve individual cases or litigation dockets – whether through trial, arbitration, mediation, or settlement. We partner with our clients to address litigation in a cost-effective manner that meets our clients' strategic goals.

We are nationally recognized for our extensive experience and strategic insights, and our team has achieved favorable outcomes for clients in a wide range of industries.

Experience. Our lawyers handle individual, class and mass joinder cases brought by all types of plaintiffs, from property owners to water districts to consumers. We are well-versed on the claims in these cases, including personal injury, fear, increased risk of disease, medical monitoring, property damage, and business losses.

Technical Understanding. We have strong technical backgrounds. Our understanding of the scientific, medical, and technical issues in toxic tort and environmental cases is built on decades of practice, having presented and cross-examined hundreds of experts in diverse scientific disciplines. Our lawyers can translate complex environmental and scientific issues into language that

Capability Lawyers



John P. Hooper
New York



Alexander Calfo
Los Angeles



Bruce Hurley
Houston



Tracie J. Renfroe
Houston



Matthew J. Blaschke (Matt)
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Recognition

Environmental Practice Group of the Year
LAW360 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 AND 2018

Litigation Departments of the Year
THE TEXAS LAWYER 2017

Tier 1 firm nationally for

judges and juries can understand.

Relationships. We have a network of local counsel, including trial-tested veterans in the most difficult, plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions in the country, and we are supported by experienced appellate counsel.

Trial. We have a deep bench of first-chair trial lawyers. We try high-exposure cases and win.

Class Actions. We have achieved success in every facet of class action litigation, defeating class certification in virtually every state and against every conceivable theory of recovery.

Cases & Deals

January 6, 2020

Johnson & Johnson Wins Complete Summary Judgment in Talc Litigation

April 5, 2019

K&S Team Achieves Defense Verdict in Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Trial

March 21, 2019

State of Utah Achieves Litigation Wins in Gold King Mine Blowout Case

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

May 29, 2020

Ninth Circuit Climate Change Ruling Opens Door to Increased Litigation

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April 24, 2020

Supreme Court Holds Some Groundwater Discharges Subject to Clean Water Act

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February 15, 2019

EPA Announces First-Ever Comprehensive Nationwide PFAS Action Plan

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 19, 2020

Karl Heisler to Teach at 29th Annual Eastern Boot Camp on Environmental Law

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

October 1, 2020

Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS" 2017, 2018

Law Firm of the Year for 2017 in its outstanding work in Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants.
U.S. NEWS – BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS" 2017

Ranked King & Spalding as one of the leading nationwide firms on product liability and mass torts matters.
CHAMBERS USA 2017

One of three "Firms that Dominated in 2016"
LAW360 2016

Gus Filice (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants) received special recognition as "Lawyer of the Year."
BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2017

Doug Henderson, TaCara Harris, Nicholas Howell to
Speak at Georgia State Bar Torts Litigation Seminar

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

February 20, 2020

Logan MacCuish to Speak at 2020 Association of Ground
Water Agencies and American Ground Water Trust Joint
Conference

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News

RECOGNITION

December 17, 2020

Law360 Names King & Spalding a Product Liability
Practice Group of the Year

IN THE NEWS

December 8, 2020

Doug Henderson explains why the incoming Biden
administration's pledge to take quick action to address
PFAS chemicals will have ripple effects in high-stakes
lawsuits playing out across the country

RECOGNITION

November 30, 2020

Law360 Recognizes Four King & Spalding Practices as
2020 Practice Groups of the Year

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