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

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- Matthew J. Blaschke (Matt)
  San Francisco

Recognition

Environmental Practice Group of the Year

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

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*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

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*October 1, 2020*
Doug Henderson, TaCara Harris, Nicholas Howell to Speak at Georgia State Bar Torts Litigation Seminar

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*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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*August 12, 2020*
Daily Journal Names Megan Nishikawa to its Top 40 Under 40 List

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*July 17, 2020*
Los Angeles Business Journal Names Joe Akrotirianakis and Peter Strotz to its Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers List

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Chambers Europe Ranks King & Spalding Among Top International Law Firms in its 2020 Guide

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