

# Toxic & Environmental Torts

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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. Our lawyers are at the forefront of many of the high-exposure and high-profile environmental cases in the country including cases related to alleged exposure to naturally occurring substances and solvents such as:

- Trichloroethylene (TCE)
- Perchloroethylene (PCE)
- Trichloroacetic acid (TCA)
- Paraquat
- Ethylene Oxide
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and other “Forever Chemicals”
- Asbestos
- Talc
- MTBE
- Other claimed toxins

We understand our clients’ business objectives, 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 by leading industry publications such as *Legal 500*, where we are ranked in Tier

## Capability Lawyers



John P. Hooper  
*New York*



Alexander Calfo  
*Los Angeles*



Bruce Hurley  
*Houston*



Tracie J. Renfroe  
*Houston*



Matthew J. Blaschke (Matt)  
*San Francisco*



Carmen R. Toledo  
*Atlanta*

## Recognition

Ranked as an “Elite” firm for product liability and mass torts work

CHAMBERS USA, 2022

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Tier 1 firm for Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Action – Defense: Toxic Tort, Automotive/Transport and Pharmaceuticals and

1 for toxic tort work, and *Chambers & Partners* where we are ranked as an “Elite” firm for product liability and mass torts work; 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 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

*April 18, 2024*

King & Spalding Secures Defense Jury Verdict for Johnson & Johnson in Cosmetic Talcum Powder Litigation

## MDL & Coordinating Counsel Leadership

*August 28, 2015*

King & Spalding Obtains Litigation Win on Behalf of Management and Financial Advisory Firm

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## Insights

### ARTICLE

*February 27, 2024*

What Recent Setbacks In Court Mean For Enviro Justice

### CLIENT ALERT

*February 15, 2024*

Key Recent Developments In Environmental Justice Litigation

## Medical Devices

LEGAL 500 US, 2022

## Environmental Practice Group of the Year

LAW360 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 AND 2018

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

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-2023

## Band 1 for Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts: Toxic Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023

## Tier 1 for Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Actions: Defense – Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

LEGAL 500, 2020-2021, 2023

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

LEGAL 500, 2020-2023

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

LEGAL 500, 2023

## NEWSLETTER

*December 20, 2023*

Beyond the Fenceline: Environmental Justice Updates –  
December 2023

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### Events

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*November 17, 2023*

Karl Heisler to Speak at 32nd Annual Eastern Boot Camp  
on Environmental Law

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*April 11, 2023*

Julia Zousmer to Speak at Mass Torts Made Perfect

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*March 30, 2023*

Kristen Fournier to Speak at American Bar Association  
Panel

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### News

#### IN THE NEWS

*April 19, 2024*

Morty Dubin, Matthew Bush, Kathryn Lehman, Val  
Leppert, Spencer Diamond, Brittany Litzinger and Jake  
Keester obtain a favorable verdict on behalf of Johnson &  
Johnson in a talc powder dispute before the Sarasota  
Circuit Court

#### IN THE NEWS

*April 3, 2024*

Morty Dubin and Kathryn Lehman counsel Johnson &  
Johnson in a talc powder dispute before the Sarasota  
Circuit Court

#### RECOGNITION

*March 14, 2024*

Chambers Europe Ranks King & Spalding Among Top  
International Law Firms in its 2024 Guide

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