

# Chilton Davis Varner (Chilton)

Senior Counsel  
*Trial and Global Disputes*

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Chilton Varner focuses on product liability, business torts, contract and other commercial disputes. As a partner in our Mass Tort and Toxic Tort practice, Chilton defends corporate clients in a range of commercial litigation.

With 30 years of experience as a trial lawyer, Chilton represents clients in mass tort litigation, class actions and multi-district litigation. She has served as trial and appellate counsel for a number of the country's largest pharmaceutical, medical device and automotive manufacturers.

Chilton was appointed to the Federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee by Chief Justice William Rehnquist in 2004 and reappointed by Chief Justice John Roberts in 2007, where she participated in drafting amendments governing electronic discovery and changes to the rules governing summary judgment, expert discovery and information-gathering from third parties and corporate executives. In 2012-13, Chilton was President of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is currently President of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Chilton became the first woman partner in our litigation practices in 1983. She speaks regularly on women's issues and has taught a session of the Temple University Graduate Program in Litigation titled "Women as Trial Lawyers." She also gave the Kolsby Distinguished Lecture in Trial Advocacy at Temple University Law School in 2014.

In 2016, Chilton was recognized as a Life Sciences Star by *LMG Life Sciences* and identified as a Leading Individual by *Legal 500 U.S.* She was also recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* in its 2016 edition of *Top 250 Women in Litigation*.

Since 2003, *Chambers USA* has recognized Chilton as a leader in Commercial Litigation, Product Liability and Trial practice, and since 2005 as one of the country's best lawyers as well as a Band 1 Product Liability lawyer. And in 2015, *Chambers USA* also ranked her in Band 1 of trial lawyers nationally and in Band 1 of Georgia commercial litigators.

## Matters

Co-lead counsel for hundreds of cases in *In re Fosamax MDL* (D.N.J.) for **Merck**.

Lead counsel for hundreds of cases in *In re Paxil MDL* (C.D.Cal.) for **GlaxoSmithKline**.

National trial counsel for **a major defendant** in hundreds of cases in *In re Silicone Breast Implants MDL* (N.D.Ala.).

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

J.D., Emory University, with distinction

A.B., Smith College, with distinction

### ADMISSIONS

Georgia

### ASSOCIATIONS

American Law Institute

American College of Trial Lawyers

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Supreme Court Historical Society

## Recognition

"A great strategist, and the kind of lawyer you go to when you have big problems."

CHAMBERS USA

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Life Sciences Star

LMG LIFE SCIENCES, 2016

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Leading Individual

LEGAL 500 U.S.

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Top 250 Women in Litigation

BENCHMARK LITIGATION, 2016

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Commercial Litigation, Product Liability and Trial Practice

CHAMBERS USA, 2003 TO PRESENT

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Band 1: Product Liability

CHAMBERS USA, 2005 TO PRESENT

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Band 1: Trial Lawyers Nationally

CHAMBERS USA, 2015

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Band 1: Georgia Commercial Litigators

CHAMBERS USA, 2015

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## Insights

### ARTICLE

*June 13, 2018 • Source: The Law Reviews*

The Product Regulation and Liability Review – 5th Edition

## News

### IN THE NEWS

*January 3, 2019 • Source: Daily Report*

Chilton Varner and Susan Clare represent motorcycle manufacturer Suzuki before Georgia Court of Appeals regarding a verdict delivered in February

### RECOGNITION

King & Spalding Earns Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019 Guide

*February 19, 2019*

King & Spalding Posts Strong Results in Chambers Global 2019 Guide

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