

Mark Sentenac

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Mark Sentenac is a partner with King & Spalding's Trial and Global Disputes. Mark's practice focuses on representing pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in complex products liability litigation throughout the country, including in federal multidistrict litigation and state coordinated proceedings. He has experience in all phases of litigation, including trials, taking depositions, working with subject matter experts in complex scientific fields, coordinating large-scale electronic discovery and drafting dispositive, pre-trial and appellate briefs. In his practice, Mark has assisted in advising companies in all aspects of product safety, including on risk assessments, government investigations, product recalls and indemnity issues.

Publications

- FDA's Essure Order Affirms Role Of Learned Intermediary, *Law360* (Apr 2018)
- Will The Learned Intermediary Doctrine Survive A New Paradigm?, *Law360* (Jan 2017)
- [3 Jurisdiction Arguments to Undermine 'Bauman,' Corporate Counsel \(Jun 2015\)](#)
- [Will Innovator Liability Survive Judicial Review in California?, Corporate Counsel \(Jun 2016\)](#)

Recognition

- McAuliffe Honor Society, University of San Francisco School of Law
- CALI Awards for Excellence in Biotechnology Law, Antitrust Law, and Professional Responsibility, University of San Francisco School of Law
- Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Intellectual Property Moot Court Team, Western Region Finalists, National Semi-Finalists (2011-2012)

Matters

Member of team serving as national coordinating and trial counsel in nationwide product liability litigation involving a leading pharmaceutical company's antidepressant medication. Mark's experience includes trial preparation and briefing dispositive and pre-trial motions.

Acted as national coordinating counsel for a multinational medical device manufacturer in claims related to its orthopedic products, including representing the manufacturer before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

Member of team advising multinational pharmaceutical company on recall of popular consumer health product.

Member of team serving as national trial counsel for medical device manufacturer in multidistrict litigation involving manufacturer's surgical mesh products. Mark's experience included preparing manufacturer's subject matter experts in device design for trial, taking percipient witness depositions throughout the country, briefing dispositive and pre-trial motions, and advising company during investigations by states' attorneys general.

Member of team representing manufacturer in nationwide litigation involving its complex implantable neurological medical devices. Mark's experience includes working with company's subject matter experts on complex scientific fields, briefing complex issues of federal preemption, including successfully defending favorable result before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and coordinating large-scale electronic discovery.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of San Francisco, magna cum laude

B.S., University of California-Santa Barbara

ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

California

Georgia

Insights

ARTICLE

January 11, 2017

Will The Learned Intermediary Doctrine Survive A New Paradigm?

CLIENT ALERT

April 17, 2020

HHS Advisory Opinion Buttresses Broad Immunity Under PREP Act For COVID-19 Countermeasures But Important Considerations For Manufacturers Remain

March 24, 2020

Tort Immunity under PREP Act and COVID-19 Response Declaration

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Events

WEBINAR

November 10, 2020

13th Annual King & Spalding Medical Device Summit

News

CASES & DEALS

July 17, 2020

Pro Bono Client's Conviction for Double Murder Overturned as Judge Orders New Trial

IN THE NEWS

December 3, 2021 • Source: Law360, Global Competition Review, Bloomberg Law, New York Law Journal, Law.com International, Global Arbitration Review, Daily Journal, The Deal, Intellectual Property Magazine, World Trademark Review, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Global Investigations Review, Le Monde du Droit, La Lettre des Juristes d'Affaires, Daily Report, The Oath and Chicago Daily Bulletin

K&S elects 32 new partners and promotes 16 counsel across 16 cities

PRESS RELEASE

December 2, 2021

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