

Troy D. McMahan

Counsel

Trial and Global Disputes

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Troy McMahan has more than 25 years of experience defending Fortune 500 companies in cases involving premises and products liability claims, toxic tort claims, maritime claims and business disputes involving the improper use of proprietary information. He serves as counsel for multiple corporations and organizations across a broad range of industries including Chevron, Texaco, and Dow.

Troy often acts as jointly retained counsel for multiple industry defendants and has years of experience in structuring and managing such joint defenses.

Troy has extensive experience litigating product and premises liability dockets throughout the U.S. including California. He specializes in toxic tort cases involving claims of contaminants exposure from the workplace or through consumer goods. Troy also has special expertise in product liability defense for automobile manufacturers in cases involving automotive design and manufacture. He has tried cases to jury verdict involving asbestos-containing brake products, as well as alleged defective ignition switches catching fire and causing property damage. He has successfully represented automobile manufacturers and manufacturers and suppliers of automotive restraint systems (air bags and seatbelt devices) in personal injury cases.

Troy has received recognition by *Super Lawyers* as a top rated Products Liability attorney in 2006, and 2010-2016.

Matters

Food and Beverage

Represented an **egg producer** in connection with commercial claims arising from a 2010 salmonella outbreak and recall (the largest egg salmonella outbreak in history) and related FDA investigation.

Toxic Tort

Counsel for **crude oil refiners** and **manufacturers of industrial commercial and consumer grade chemical products** in personal injury and wrongful death cases involving cancer, systemic diseases and immune system dysfunction.

Maritime

Represent **vessel owners and operators** in matters involving wrongful death and personal injury cases filed by seaman, longshoreman and shipyard contractors under federal maritime law — Jones Act, Longshoreman and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and federal maritime common law.

Secured summary judgment for a **shipping client** in a case of first impression — whether federal maritime law imposes a duty upon a ship owner to protect offshore third parties from injuries occurring as a result of activities performed aboard ship. Specifically, plaintiff claimed exposure to toxins used aboard the vessel, and which his father — an officer aboard the vessel — allegedly brought home on his uniform.

Asbestos

Represent **Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Texaco Inc., and The Dow Chemical Company** in trial asbestos product and premises liability dockets throughout the State of California.

Automotive

Secured a defense verdict at trial on behalf of the **Ford Motor Company** on insurance subrogation claim brought by an insurance company against Ford based on claims of a defective ignition switch.

Secured summary judgment for **Ford Motor Company** against plaintiff's product liability claim based on allegations that a defective seatbelt caused plaintiff to sustain injuries during an automobile accident.

Secured a defense judgment on behalf of a **foreign gas tank manufacturer** in a personal injury case brought by several plaintiffs who sustained personal injuries when their personal watercraft exploded causing several of the plaintiffs to claim brain damage, partial blindness and severe emotional distress.

Government Tort Liability

Represented the **Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)** in various personal injury and property damage claims arising from construction activities occurring during the BART extension projects.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Utah

B.S. Finance & Banking, University of Idaho

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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

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

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

ASSOCIATIONS

Bar Association of San Francisco

Alameda County Bar Association

Association of Defense Counsel

American Bar Association — Environmental, Product Liability and Mass Tort Sections member

Recognition

Selected to Super Lawyers (2006, 2010-2015)

Insights

ARTICLE

November 20, 2018 • Source: Law360

Circuit Split Encourages Forum Shopping By Injured Seamen

December 1, 2015 • Source: Law360

Hazy Definition Of Pot Edibles Creates Regulatory Void

October 8, 2014 • Source: Law360

5th Circ. Maritime Case May Set National Standard

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

February 12, 2016

Troy McMahan to Speak at Food and Drug Law Institute Webinar on Marijuana Regulation

News

CASES & DEALS

October 26, 2020

K&S Represents Group of Cannabis Growers in Lawsuit Against Trinity County, CA

January 6, 2020

Johnson & Johnson Wins Complete Summary Judgment in Talc Litigation

IN THE NEWS

October 28, 2020 • Source: Law360 and Law.com

Charles Correll, Troy McMahan and Cason Hewgley represent a group of cannabis growers in a lawsuit against Trinity County, CA

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