

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. 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)
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Recognition

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

CHAMBERS USA, 2022

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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