

# Product Liability

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Our Product Liability team, an eight-time *Law360* Practice Group of the Year, leverages knowledge of the complex science and technology behind today's products to deliver litigation victories. With over 175 lawyers across the world, we handle the most significant individual, multidistrict, mass tort and class action lawsuits for product manufacturers, including pharmaceutical, medical device, automotive, transportation, tobacco, consumer product and chemical manufacturers.

Drawing on the collective knowledge of our FDA, regulatory, e-discovery, government investigations and appellate teams, we work with our clients to develop and execute a comprehensive and proactive strategy tailored to our clients' objectives. When that strategy requires trying a case, we offer our clients a unique range of trial experience that is increasingly unusual in firms of our size. While many firms have the ability to "litigate" cases, we have that ability plus we try product cases each year in some of the most challenging jurisdictions for corporate clients.

Automotive work has been a staple of our practice for over 50 years. Manufacturers frequently turn to our top-ranked Automotive Litigation Team for their highest profile matters, drawing on our deep bench to successfully manage and try catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases, as well as to develop strategies for complex resolutions of bet-the-company litigation.

Our Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation Team, ranked Tier 1 by *Legal 500*, helps manufacturers navigate the litigation life cycle, from risk assessments through trial and appeal. Working with more than 300 lawyers and professionals who devote all or a substantial portion of their practices to life-sciences clients, we know the industry and governing laws better than anyone.

The lawyers in our Tobacco and Consumer Products Trial Practice regularly try complex issues with sympathetic facts before juries and try as many cases each year (13 in 2019)

## Capability Lawyers



Chilton Davis Varner  
(Chilton)  
*Atlanta*



Andrew T. Bayman (Andy)  
*Atlanta*



Tracie J. Renfroe  
*Houston*



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*Austin*



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*Los Angeles*

## Recognition

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

CHAMBERS USA, 2022-  
2023

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Product Liability & Mass  
Torts: Toxic Torts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023

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Tier 1 for Product Liability,  
Mass Tort and Class Action:

as any other group in the country. With this wealth of trial experience comes the unique ability to take an array of complex and challenging facts, translate them into plain English, and communicate them effectively to a jury.

### Cases & Deals

*April 18, 2024*

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

### MDL & Coordinating Counsel Leadership

*December 7, 2022*

King & Spalding Helps Get Thousands of Claims Dismissed in Zantac MDL

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### Insights

#### ARTICLE

*January 4, 2024*

Environmental Justice: A 2023 Recap And 2024 Forecast

#### CLIENT ALERT

*May 19, 2023*

FDA Releases Guidance on Testing High-Risk Drug Components for Diethylene Glycol and Ethylene Glycol

#### CLIENT ALERT

*May 10, 2023*

Gas Stove Ban Update: Ninth Circuit Says "No" to City of Berkeley Ban on Gas Stoves

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### Events

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*January 29, 2024*

Harold Franklin to Speak on PLAC's Webinar

#### 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

#### RECOGNITION

*April 25, 2024*

Rose Jones Selected to Leadership Atlanta's Class of 2025

### Defense – Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

LEGAL 500, 2020-2021, 2023

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

LEGAL 500, 2020-2023

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

LEGAL 500, 2023

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Transportation Practice Group of the Year

LAW360, 2021

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Product Liability Practice Group of the Year

LAW360, 2013-2018, 2020

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## RECOGNITION

*April 24, 2024*

Minority Corporate Counsel Association Names King & Spalding Partner Adam Reinke a Rising Star

## 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

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