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PRODUCTS LIABILITY

PRACTICE AREA COMMITTEE



# About Our PAC

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The Products Liability PAC is a national network of highly skilled and pre-screened minority and women owned law firms with significant experience representing manufacturers and retailers in products liability matters. Member firms have experience in a host of industries that fall under the products liability umbrella including (for example), automotive/boats, aviation, chemicals, construction and material handling, consumer products, cosmetics, firearms, food and beverage, health care, industrial equipment, manufacturing, medical devices, oil and gas, outdoor products and power equipment, pharmaceuticals, recreational vehicles, toxic torts, toys, and wearing apparel. Through the PAC, NAMWOLF brings together law firms and businesses to create mutually beneficial partnerships, develop cost effective solutions, provide effective legal defense, and achieve winning results.

## About NAMWOLF

Founded in 2001, NAMWOLF is a nonprofit trade association comprised of minority and women owned law firms who have exhibited excellence in the legal profession, and other interested parties throughout the United States. Many corporations and public entities committee to diversifying their outside law firm ranks have focused on the utilization of minority and female attorneys at majority firms. However, the most effective way for corporations and public entities to increase diversity in the legal profession is to increase their utilization of minority and women owned law firms. NAMWOLF's mission is to promote true diversity in the legal profession by fostering the development of long lasting relationships between preeminent minority and women owned law firms and corporations and public entities.



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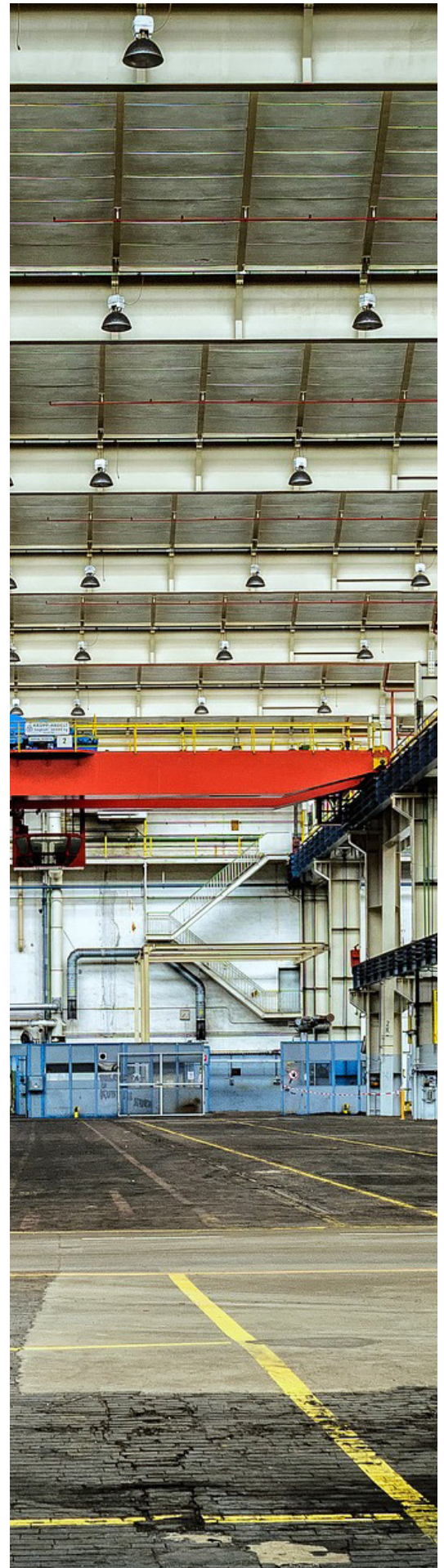
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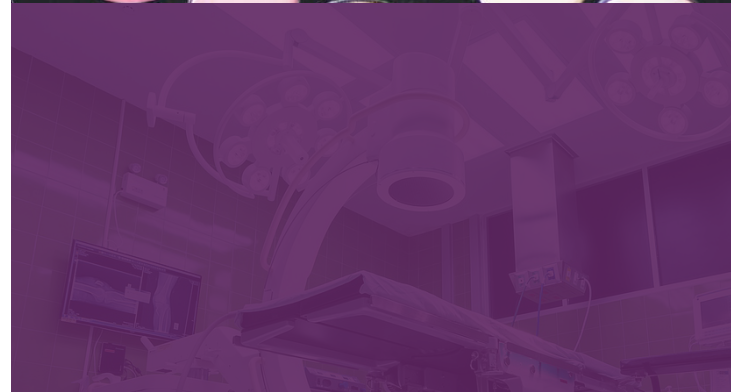
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## What Distinguishes Blackwell Burke P.A.?

Blackwell Burke P.A. handles high-stakes complex litigation, class actions, and trials. Our attorneys represent clients in the most challenging litigation, often involving novel legal or scientific issues. Our attorneys and firm have been honored to receive the following distinctions:

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## Product Liability Team

Brooks, Berne & Herndon attorneys are experienced in representing Fortune 500 companies in a wide variety of products liability lawsuits, concerning a wide variety of products, from playground equipment, pet food to medical devices, throughout the tri state area. We routinely appear in both federal and state Court on such claims. A list of representative cases is available upon request, though company names will be redacted to preserve confidentiality.



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The Fine Line Between Success and Failure

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- Overwhelmingly successful trial results involving a variety of product liability and personal injury litigation claims.
- Cheryl Bush is currently on the trial team for a large pharmaceutical company.

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- Automobiles & Components
- Chemicals
- Construction Equipment
- Consumer Products
- Electronics
- Hand Tools
- Health Care Products
- Industrial Equipment
- Medical Devices
- Pharmaceutical
- Recreational Vehicles

### Product Defense Expertise

- Product design and development strategy
- Development of due-diligence product facts
- Regulatory aspects of product design, development, manufacturing, and distribution
- Detailed analysis of product performance
- Application of complex technical, scientific, and engineering concepts in product defense
- Warnings claims
- Analysis of medical issues surrounding liability and damage claims
- Nationwide management of complex and voluminous discovery requests
- Preparation of corporate witness testimony
- Strategic opposition to expert testimony in depositions and trials
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## *About the Firm*

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Colvin, Saenz, Rodriguez & Kennamer L.L.P. is a minority owned law firm that understands what it takes to represent businesses and manufacturers in the blue-collar, working class communities of South Texas and particularly the Rio Grande Valley. Our lawyers are in trial on a regular basis, providing strong, effective defense in products liability and other personal injury cases, insurance coverage disputes, breach of contract cases, and other matters. Our firm has handled some of the biggest cases in the area – including catastrophic injuries and death – with a proven track record of success. We serve as both primary counsel and local co-counsel in venues throughout the southern third of Texas. In the difficult legal environment of South Texas, our knowledge of the law, careful case preparation and courtroom ability contribute to the firm’s well-earned reputation throughout the legal community. Perhaps the most important thing we offer our clients is our firm’s more than 60-year history serving the people of South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. Our attorneys’ understanding of the courts, processes and the people who sit on juries allow us to provide the skillful, results-oriented representation our clients expect and deserve.

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## *Representative Clients*

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American International Group, Inc.; AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.; Ameritrust Group, Inc.; Axa XL Insurance; Brownsville Public Utilities Board; Chubb Insurance Group; Clear Blue Insurance Co.; Crawford & Company; Drennan Construction Corp.; Ford Motor Company; Gladys Porter Zoo; H-E-B Grocery Company, LP; JC Penney Corporation, Inc.; Kiewit Corporation; Lancer Insurance Company; Marine Military Academy, Inc.; Markel Corporation; RTG Furniture of Texas d/b/a “Rooms To Go”; Simon Property Group (Texas), L.P.; Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.; St. Paul Travelers; State Farm Insurance; T & D Solutions; The Hartford Insurance Company; Union Pacific Railroad Co.; Union Standard Insurance; Walmart, Inc.

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**COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, L.L.C.****PRODUCTS LIABILITY PROFILE**

Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, L.L.C. has a solid tradition in defending manufacturers, suppliers, and retailers from allegations of product defects such as manufacturing and design defects, failure to warn, and professional vendors liability. We are also equipped to handle indemnity issues that may arise. We have been able to meet head-on the challenges imposed by Louisiana Napoleonic law in products claims, including redhibition. We offer cost-effective, high-quality legal services. We measure our success through the loyalty of our clients. In fact, not only do we defend a wide variety of clients from products liability cases, we are also National Coordinating Counsel overseeing products cases around the country.

**Product Liability**

Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, L.L.C. has substantial experience defending clients in a wide array of product liability cases. The attorneys of the firm have successfully defended product liability cases in Louisiana and Mississippi. Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, L.L.C. can provide the resources and experience necessary to protect and effectively defend suits related to all types of products. We are knowledgeable regarding expert witnesses and have a keen understanding of the law and of scientific analysis. Types of products liability cases we have handled include mass tort and multi-district litigation, design and manufacturing defects, failure to warn claims, construction defects and accidents, consumer product claims, asbestos-related injuries, environmental claims and many more.

**Responsive Communication**

The firm stresses open and frequent communications with clients to insure that the services provided meet the clients' expectations. Our billing systems are also flexible, providing the information required in a format and with a frequency that conforms to a client's preferences. We offer seminars as further means of sharing critical legal information and of providing you with the latest legal developments.

**Cost Effective Representation**

We are dedicated to delivering cost-effective legal services with optimal results. We have a depth of attorney resources to apply when specific fields of expertise are required. The firm has developed an excellent reputation for its trial attorneys and success in trial. We provide not only case analysis, but also estimates and budgets up front, so that our client can determine an appropriate course of action with full knowledge of the costs involved. When in the best interest of the client, we advocate alternative dispute resolution as a cost-effective alternative to litigation.

**Experienced Counsel**

Our attorneys have experience and knowledge in products liability litigation of many types and have tried many products liability cases to verdict.

We currently serve as National Coordinating Counsel for one products liability client and oversee litigation for it in 28 states.





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Admiralty & Maritime	Legal Malpractice Defense
Appellate	Medical Malpractice Defense
Commercial Litigation	Negligent Security
Corporate	Personal Injury Defense
Governmental	Premises Liability
Hospitality	Product Liability
Insurance	Professional Liability Defense
Insurance Fraud & S.i.u.	Property & Casualty
Intellectual Property	Subrogation
Labor & Employment Defense	Transportation

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Comcast-NBCUniversal	Petco
Disney	Starwood Hotels and Resorts
Home Depot	Travelers
Ingersoll-Rand	Viva Wyndham Hotels
Liberty Mutual	Walmart
Marriott International	

## OUR *firm*

Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, L.L.P, with it's over 50 lawyers, is an AV® rated minority certified trial law firm representing clients through the United States and the Caribbean in state and federal courts. We are a highly specialized, boutique firm serving major domestic and international insurers and mid-sized to Fortune 500 corporations. Our attorneys have the legal knowledge and experience to defend our clients from a position of strength, settling a dispute when in our client's best interests to do so, or aggressively litigating the matter through trial and appeal. Our approach means efficient case management where claims are evaluated quickly and clients are provided with the most cost effective path to resolution.

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Litigation, Alabama, 2018*

Ken Perry Law Firm, LLC is a boutique litigation firm focusing on handling litigation—including products liability, life sciences, and catastrophic injury defense, as well as other commercial and complex matters—for business entities. The firm's target clients include large corporations and other well-established entities; however, the firm also represents mid-size and smaller companies facing complex legal challenges. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, the Firm's cases are often pending in some of the most challenging venues in the U.S.

The Firm's experience includes the representation of the manufacturers of various consumer and commercial products, including, among others, automotive, mobile homes, heavy trucks, tools, recreational vehicles, industrial equipment, and prescription drugs. The Firm's experience includes both tort and breach-of-warranty cases, and the Firm's experience also includes representation of some of the largest product distributors nationally.

The Firm's founder has been a sustaining member of PLAC (formerly the Products Liability Advisory Council) since 2003. PLAC is a not-for-profit association of product manufacturers, suppliers, retailers and select regulatory, litigation and appellate professionals who work to shape the common law of product liability and complex regulation, provide guidance on changing regulations, and strategically help corporations manage risk throughout the entire product lifecycle.



LEE, HONG, DEGERMAN  
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Established in 1991, Lee, Hong, Degerman, Kang & Waimey (**LHDK&W**) is one of the largest Asian-American owned law firms in the United States with approximately **40 lawyers** and offices in Los Angeles, Orange County, Virginia (Metropolitan Washington, DC), Seoul, and London. **For over 25 years**, LHDK&W has provided quality legal counsel to international conglomerates, including members of the Global 500.

## Representative Clients

LG Electronics	Porsche Cars North America, Inc.	Octopus Restaurant Group
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SM Entertainment	KIA Motors	Korea Development Bank
Roland U.S.	Nexen Tire	KDIC
Innocean Worldwide Americas	Autoliv	KEB Hana Bank
STX Offshore & Shipbuilding	HJC America	Shinhan Bank
Hyundai Merchant Marine	Glovis America	Hana Financial
Asiana Airlines	GenX Clothing	KB Insurance
Coway USA, Inc.	Jinro America, Inc.	B. Riley & Co.
FNS Logistics	Lotte International	K-SURE

## Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property  
International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution  
Products Liability  
Banking & Financial Services  
Complex & Class Action Litigation  
Business & Corporate Transactions  
Labor & Employment  
Real Estate Transactions & Litigation

## Practice Highlights

**Intellectual Property:** LHDK&W has a nationally ranked IP practice, providing services in patent and trademark prosecution, patent litigation, and technology licensing. *Intellectual Asset Management* magazine in its May/June 2016 issue listed LHDK&W as the No. 1 firm in the U.S. as to strength and quality of consumer electronics patents. LHDK&W is also perennially ranked by *Intellectual Property Today* as one of the top 100 patent firms in the U.S. overall (64th in 2015).

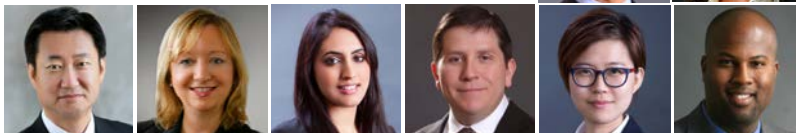
**International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution:** LHDK&W attorneys in its Korea, California and London offices represent clients before international arbitration tribunals, such as LMAA, ICC, SIAC and those constituted under UNCITRAL rules. Additionally, LHDK&W represents clients in enforcement actions based upon foreign arbitral awards or other ancillary proceedings in the United States. LHDK&W often works with local foreign attorneys to coordinate foreign litigation and other legal matters. Over the past several years, the firm has worked with counsel in various countries, including the United Kingdom, Korea, Singapore, Norway, Marshall Islands, United Arab Emirates, Canada, and China in coordinating litigation, arbitrations, global restructuring and transactional matters.

**Products Liability:** LHDK&W's products liability team has long represented automobile manufacturers in catastrophic and wrongful death product liability litigation, class action litigation, and national discovery coordination. LHDK&W advises its automotive clients on various regulatory issues and regularly interfaces with government agencies. Additionally, LHDK&W attorneys defended product liability cases involving tires, automotive parts and after-market equipment, motorcycle helmets, propane and butane canisters, construction equipment, power tools, medical devices and industrial chemicals.

**Banking and Financial Services:** LHDK&W provides sophisticated litigation and transaction services to banks, financial services companies, and government agencies. We regularly advise financial institutions in real estate and lending transactions, financial services related litigation, creditor-side bankruptcy matters, loan workouts, and foreclosure-related litigation.

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## WHO WE ARE

LLF lawyers are nationally recognized product liability specialists and serve clients as national, regional and local counsel. We work with businesses at every level of the product development and distribution chain – from designers and manufacturers to importers, distributors and retailers – and we are often engaged to litigate cutting-edge product liability issues in California and across the country. We are experts at defending against design defect, manufacturing defect and warnings claims, with a thorough understanding of the nuanced defense strategy often required in multi-party, expert-intensive cases. LLF has successfully handled cases involving a wide array of products spanning many industries, including pharmaceutical and medical devices, construction equipment, industrial machinery, firearms and ammunition, recreational equipment, consumer products, and food products, to name a few. LLF also counsels clients in risk management strategies, document retention programs, pre-litigation investigation, warnings and instructions, industry-wide litigation, successor liability and regulatory issues including California's Prop 65. As active participants in leading product liability defense organizations, such as the Product Liability Advisory Council, LLF lawyers publish and speak frequently in this ever-changing area of the law. To see representative engagements click [here](#).

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- Construction
- Real Estate and ADA Litigation
- Business & Commercial
- Appellate



Nicolson Law Group is a sophisticated group of highly experienced and devoted litigation attorneys committed to providing our clients with focused, creative and responsive representation. We don't do everything, but what we do, we do exceptionally well.

We are former "big firm" attorneys who have deliberately chosen to work in a boutique environment with low overhead to enable us to pass on as much savings to our clients as possible. Our deep expertise, entrepreneurial spirit, distinctive culture and rare personal approach to relationships creates a dynamic client experience that enables us to deliver on our promise of results and value.

Our clients include Fortune and Global 500 companies, domestic and international manufacturers, insurers, private and commercial entities, as well as academic institutions. We distinguish ourselves by approaching each case with the seasoned experience, legal skill and deep knowledge that we have each developed through our many years of practice. While we have a spirit that drives us to achieve the right results for the right reasons, our clients also value the human experience we provide as much as the tangible results achieved.

Nicolson Law Group is a female-owned law firm certified by the National Women's Business Enterprise Council and a proud member of NAMWOLF. Senior attorneys of the firm are AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell.

### Areas of Practice

Product Liability  
Retail Liability  
Insurance Coverage and Litigation  
Employment Law  
School Law

Headquartered near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, we serve our clients in state and federal courts in NJ, PA and DE and serve as national counsel for a global manufacturer in product liability litigation nationwide.

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Paul Garcia & Associates is a civil litigation boutique law firm specializing in lawsuits throughout the San Antonio and South Texas Region. The firm has offices in San Antonio as well as Harlingen, so that we can meet the growing needs of our clients that continue to expand through the Southern area of Texas. Paul Garcia has a proven record of success and the firm specializes in representing businesses and corporations with disputes arising from transactional matters to the most serious accidents. Our practice is primarily focused on the defense of businesses and corporations with a proven ability to win cases in counties that are known to be Plaintiff friendly throughout the state.

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Products Liability  
Transportation and Trucking (Intrastate and  
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Products Liability  
Corporate Formation  
Business Law/Business Litigation

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#### *Innovative Legal Services for Your Business™*

At Paul Garcia & Associates, our philosophy is to put the clients first and obtain results in a cost effective manner. The legal team at Paul Garcia & Associates believes that efficient legal services that provide proven results will always benefit the client and consumers. The firm practice is to resolve a case as quickly as possible while ensuring the client's interest are always protected. The attorneys at Paul Garcia & Associates will often project the estimated costs of legal fees versus the benefit of early settlement, so that clients will see and understand the effectiveness of early disposition of cases.







A women-owned business law firm  
practicing nationwide with offices in Ohio,  
New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania,  
Connecticut, & Massachusetts

## We know Product Liability



An allegation that a company's product has caused a catastrophic injury can have a far-reaching, devastating, and lasting impact on a business. It is important that companies receive proper counsel to effectively defend their products and to protect the company and its reputation. Our Product Liability team represents a wide range of manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, and distributors across multiple industries. Perez Morris has defended these companies against claims involving a variety of products, including food, drug and device, chemical, agricultural and construction equipment, consumer products, production machinery, among others.

At Perez Morris, we take the time to develop real relationships with our clients in order to fully understand their business and appreciate the issues with which they are faced on a daily basis. We work closely with them from the moment that a potential claim arises through all aspects of litigation. We work not only to resolve that claim, but to weigh the impact of that claim on the client's business moving forward. We then counsel the client as to potential changes and modifications that could or should be implemented to minimize future risk.

We defend product liability clients in litigation matters across the U.S. and, although our lawyers are zealous litigators, we know that for our clients the courtroom is a destination of last resort. Thus, we strive to work with our clients to prevent claims and to counsel them on risk-management issues. Our lawyers are very aware of and appreciate the economic and emotional toll that protracted litigation can have on our clients and their businesses. Accordingly, we make every effort to resolve all disputes as quickly and efficiently as possible while still obtaining the best result for our client.

## Good People. Doing Great Legal Work. Exceptionally well.



Perez Morris is a women-owned business law firm headquartered in Columbus, Ohio with offices in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

We represent some of the largest U.S. and international industry leaders in the food & restaurant industry. We guide these clients to manage their business risks as well as their professional, management and commercial liability exposures. We help make deals happen by providing unmatched defense, business litigation, general counsel, and commercial transaction services worldwide.

At Perez Morris, we believe that great legal outcomes require hard work, attention to every detail, and above all, reliable expertise.

Our clients know that we do this – for them – every day.

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## Products Liability Legal Services

Rusing Lopez & Lizardi's team of trial lawyers has considerable experience defending product liability claims brought against retailers, distributors, and manufacturers. We have been involved in actions involving strict product liability, negligence, express and implied warranty, fitness for intended purpose, and subrogation. The products involved in past and present litigation include machine parts, vehicles & engines, household goods including water heaters, space heaters and gas ranges, tires, forklifts, ATVs, vitamins and supplements, medical devices, and pharmaceutical products.

- Successful defense of Brush Wellman, Inc. in a multi-plaintiff toxic tort action involving Beryllium.
- Obtained summary judgment on design defect and warranty complaint for \$2 million dollar claim against machine part manufacturer for severe burns suffered from allegedly defective water heater.
- Pursued actions against major ATV manufacturer for failed parts.
- Part of national defense team for large pharmaceutical company in multidistrict litigation and trial team that obtained defense verdict on ten-million-dollar claim.
- Negotiated favorable resolution for national vitamin company in relation to alleged PCB levels in fish oil supplements.

**Rusing Lopez & Lizardi** is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) by the Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council and has been a proud member of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) since 2013. RL&L is listed as a Tier I Arizona law firm in U.S. News and World Report's Best Law Firms. RL&L lawyers have been listed in The Best lawyers in America® Editions for the past 15 years and are listed in 16 separate practice areas. For the 15th consecutive year, RL&L attorneys have also been recognized on the Arizona Super Lawyers lists.

Rusing Lopez & Lizard, PLLC has a confident team with experience and the resources to provide all clients with the best possible counsel. Attorneys in our firm are licensed to practice in Arizona, California, Colorado, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, and New York.

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## Pharmaceutical, Biotech, Device and Chemical Practice

Our Firm has a wide-ranging defense product liability practice. The cases we have handled have involved chemicals, pharmaceutical products, medical devices, automobiles, swimming pools, industrial gases and equipment, among other types of products. They have included claims for death, birth defects, systemic neurologic and rheumatologic diseases, quadriplegia and paraplegia, allergies, severe burns, lung diseases, cancer and other injuries. Our defenses in some of these matters have involved the use of sophisticated demonstrative aids, mock juries, and the interpretation for lay people of complicated expert scientific testimony. We have coordinated defenses and served as lead counsel in multi-defendant cases, national coordinating counsel in “mass tort” litigation, and national scientific evidence counsel for a major pharmaceutical company.

Our practice for companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and chemical industries offers an unusual combination of depth in industry knowledge and scientific expertise. We have developed expert defenses based on a wide range of specialties in medicine, psychiatry, epidemiology, toxicology and chemistry. The Firm brings the experience and understanding gained in hundreds of major client representations, successfully presenting legal and factual issues to juries, judges, arbitrators/mediators and other decision makers in ways that are both understandable and persuasive.

We have represented clients in large mass torts in the U.S., and associated litigation in Canada, and in other pattern litigation and individual disputes. Roles have also included National Coordinating Counsel, Regional Counsel, Member of Defendants' Steering Committee, and Trial Counsel. We team well with other firms and have been members of several “virtual” defense firms playing specialty roles in large-scale litigation as Science Counsel, Regional Counsel or Discovery Counsel.

Partner Beth L. Kaufman is a seasoned trial lawyer. In the product liability and toxic tort area, Ms. Kaufman has served as national coordinating counsel, national science counsel, New York counsel in mass torts and other pattern litigation and as a member of nationwide “virtual law firms.” She participated directly in the development of a scientific defense and of expert evidence as part of the national virtual law firm charged with developing such evidence and witnesses for companies in the automotive industry, in order to defend mesothelioma and lung cancer cases. In these various roles, Ms. Kaufman has developed innovative strategies and achieved excellent results for her clients, ranging from defense verdicts at trial to summary judgment to convincing plaintiffs to abandon their cases due to a lack of merit. She has identified and developed top experts in various scientific fields and medical disciplines and turned them into effective

testifying experts. Ms. Kaufman is the immediate past President of the National Association of Women Lawyers and is the Vice-Chair Secretary of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation. She has also chaired the Product Liability Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation. Ms. Kaufman served on the New York City Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary from 2008-2013, appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and was Second Circuit Representative to the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary from 2009-2012, a role in which she vetted more than 25 prospective federal court nominees, most of whom went on to become District and Circuit Court Judges.

Partner Charles B. Updike has tried more than 60 cases to verdict, most of them before juries. He has tried cases in the areas of product liability, health care delivery, real property development rights, commercial torts, breaches of a wide variety of commercial contracts, breaches of M & A agreements, securities claims, and internal partnership and corporate disputes. Mr. Updike has been national counsel in a product liability mass tort and has served as outside general counsel with respect to litigated matters in the United States for a major multinational corporation. In the latter capacity, he supervised the work of lawyers nationwide. He is counsel to a national trade association and is regularly consulted by its members with respect to litigation and claims issues with special emphasis on how to prevent them. He is also an accomplished appellate advocate and has actively participated in all aspects of alternative dispute resolution. Mr. Updike served as Law Clerk to a federal judge in the Southern District of New York and then went directly into the United States Attorney's Office, where he became head of the Narcotics Unit, tried some of its most difficult cases and supervised other Assistants. He has taught New York Practice and Procedure as an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School and has taught trial practice at Harvard and Hofstra Law Schools. He is active in a variety of bar associations and serves on several boards, both commercial and charitable.

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## ABOUT STOKES LAWRENCE

Stokes Lawrence is a business firm with offices in Seattle and Yakima, Washington. The firm's nearly 60 lawyers serve a client base comprised primarily of privately held businesses, as well as several Fortune 500 corporate clients and high net worth individuals.

We assist business leaders from a wide range of industries with legal concerns that include corporate, real estate, and financial transactions and disputes. We also help protect and enforce intellectual property rights. We provide counsel and representation in employment matters and litigation. We help clients strategically plan for the future through estate and succession planning. And when disputes arise, we are skilled advocates seeking the most advantageous outcome to meet our clients' objectives.

In order to better serve our clients needing representation outside of Washington, Stokes Lawrence is a member of two prestigious organizations, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), and, Lawyers Associated Worldwide (LAW).

## TORT & PRODUCT LIABILITY

Our attorneys have extensive experience defending clients against tort and product liability claims. We have represented Fortune 500 companies, national businesses, closely held corporations, municipalities, and individuals in a wide variety of cases both at trial and through the appellate process.

Areas of Focus Include:

- Motor vehicle and marine product liability and personal injury
- Aviation product liability and personal injury
- Representation of common carriers
- Construction, including personal injury and construction defect
- Representation of law enforcement agencies and personnel
- Defamation and claimed injury to reputation
- Business interference

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## PRODUCTS LIABILITY AND MASS TORTS

Our products practice involves a wide range of products, and includes local, regional and national responsibilities. We have managed the activities of local counsel in case development of individual cases or in the mass tort context. We have tried numerous cases to verdict in Colorado and many other jurisdictions. We specialize in the development of scientific evidence and challenges to opposing experts through discovery and Daubert motions. We have developed creative strategies for many Daubert hearings, and worked with court appointed experts or technical advisors in a variety of contexts.

### Representative Products:

**Vehicles and component parts:** airplanes, recreational vehicles, automobiles, riding lawn mowers, bicycles, engines, and forklifts.

**Heavy equipment:** hoists, rock crushing and asphalt plant equipment, furnaces, and ski lift equipment.

**Pharmaceuticals/chemicals:** various human pharmaceuticals, blood products, cleaning products, herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers.

**Medical devices:** heart valves, catheters, IV pumps, breast implants, and hip implants.

**Safety equipment:** respirators for industrial and home application, helmets, and vehicle restraint systems.

**Miscellaneous:** in floor heating systems, engines, ladders, lawn care equipment, water heaters, beverage dispensers, baggage movers, food, beverages and food and beverage processors, asbestos, and silica.

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## WTK's Product Liability Practice is widely recognized as **ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE REGION.**



### Our Practice

Our products liability practice group represents manufacturers and companies in multiple industries nationwide. Our diverse and accomplished team is made up of creative, persuasive, and seasoned litigators. Fortune 100 companies recognize WTK as a dependable firm for providing quality client service. *WTK has received recognition in "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers in the area of product liability. Best Lawyers of America honored Vickie Turner as the 2012 and 2018 Lawyer of the Year—Product Liability Defense for San Diego.*

Our attorneys are skilled and experienced in defending manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in product liability lawsuits. We understand the practical considerations that affect the defense of product liability suits and we continually assess the merits of each case to avoid imprudent litigation and unnecessary defense costs. We also appreciate the effect of the defense and settlement of one lawsuit on other similar cases. Our goal in every instance is to protect our clients' interests in the most cost-effective way possible.

### Successes



- ▶ Defended an automobile manufacturer in a wrongful death suit against allegations of roof and seatbelt failure
- ▶ Defended a construction equipment manufacturer in a wrongful death action brought alleging manufacture and warning defects
- ▶ Defended an automobile manufacturer in a suit brought by two young men and a young woman suffering partial amputations and third degree burns over as much as 60% of their bodies as a result of an alleged failure of their pick-up truck's "mid-ship" fuel tank
- ▶ Defended a pharmaceutical company in claims of cancer caused by use of prescribed medication
- ▶ Defended a chemical manufacturer in a suit claiming personal injuries from exposure to freon-based solvents in the workplace
- ▶ Defended an automobile manufacturer in a suit involving allegations that a sixteen-year-old suffered brain injuries as a result of alleged defects in her passenger restraint system

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