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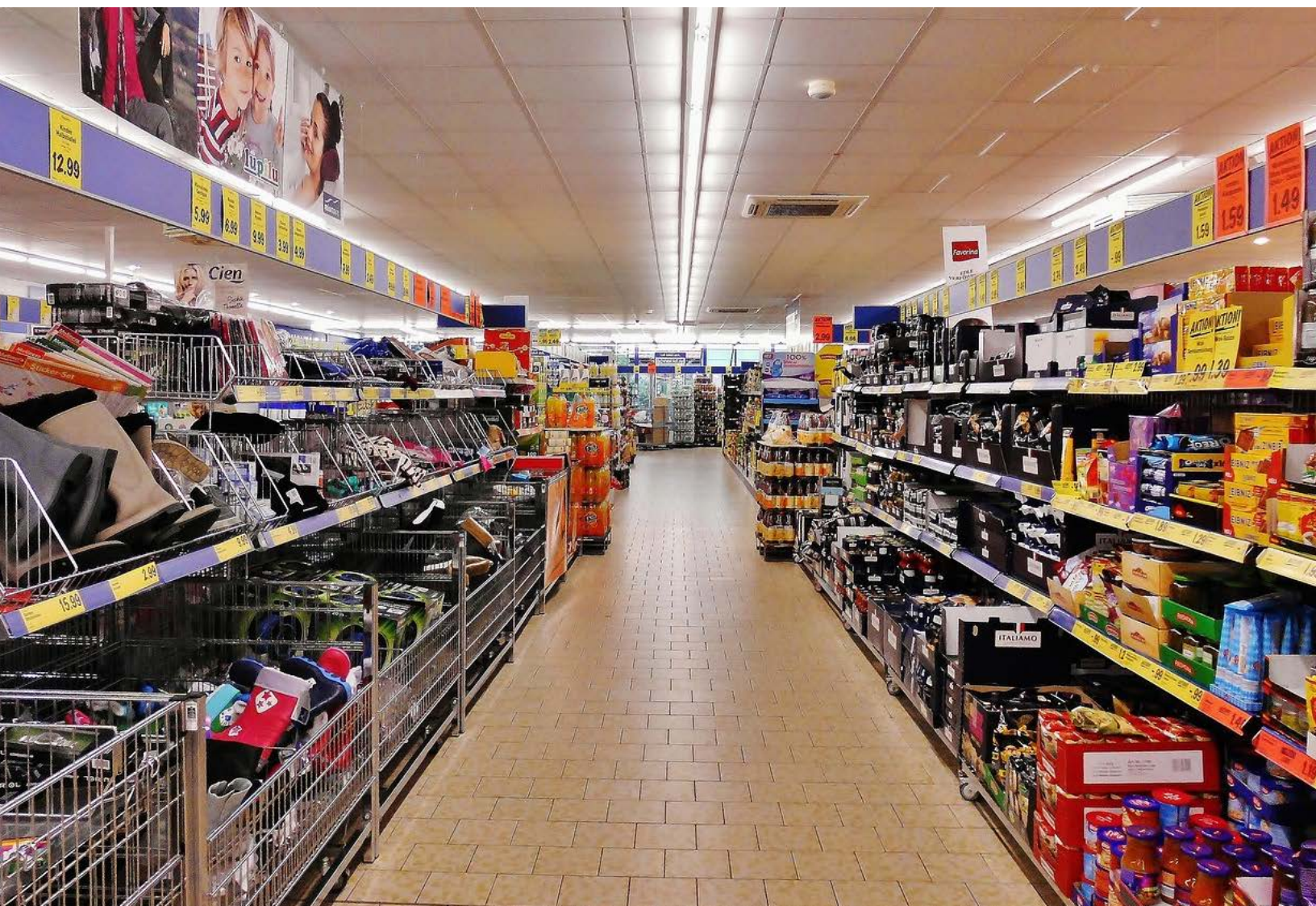
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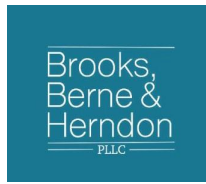
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- “Excellence in Service Award” by General Mills, Inc.
- “Top Product Liability Defense Attorney” 20th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® (2014)
- Included in 21st Edition of Best Lawyers in America® 2015 for Mass Tort Litigation, Class Action and Product Liability Defense
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Brooks & Berne 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 Courts 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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- Connected Products
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- Household Appliances
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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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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.



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- Oil & Gas
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- Toxic Torts

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Product Liability Expertise

The attorneys at Lawrence Law are highly experienced in representing large and small companies alike in the defense of product liability, environmental litigation, and toxic exposure claims. Our team is led by **Michelle Noorani**, who has successfully resolved hundreds of product liability cases in her 20+ year career at both the local Maryland/D.C. and national levels. She has represented both small businesses and Fortune 500 companies, including one of the “Big Three” U.S. automobile manufacturers, and argued complex cases related to asbestos litigation, pharmaceuticals, mass torts, automobile and equipment defects, groundwater contamination, and construction defects.

To learn more about how we can help with your company’s product liability litigation needs, contact **Michelle Noorani** at 410-837-6995 or michelle@lawrencelawllc.com.

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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).

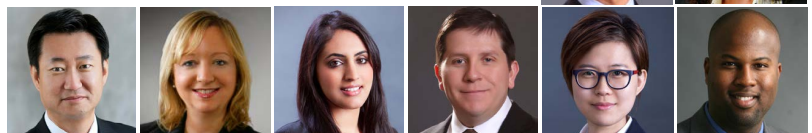
International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution: LHDK&W attorneys in its Korea, California and London offices represent clients before international arbitration tribunals, such as LMAA, ICC, SIAC and those constituted under UNCITRAL rules. Additionally, LHDK&W represents clients in enforcement actions 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.

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

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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, and 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.

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Patricia Waterkotte has 16 years of experience litigating in Arizona and California.

Patricia practiced for many years with an international law firm in Los Angeles representing clients all over California and Arizona. She then joined Rusing Lopez & Lizardi as a Partner continuing her multi-state practice in these areas:

- **Education:** represents school districts and universities.
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- **Real Estate:** represents real estate agents, homeowners, HOAs, board members, developers, buyers/sellers in residential and commercial sales.

Professional Affiliations and Bar Activities

- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of California
- Pima County Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Notre Dame Alumni Association of Los Angeles
- Notre Dame Women Connect
- Morris K. Udall Inn of Court

Publications & Speeches

- Speaker, "CLE: No Room For Trial & Error", American Honda Motors Co., Inc. (2021)
- Co-author, DRI For the Defense, Trial Tactics: "Don't Blame the System: The Myth of One Truth", 54 No. 9 DRI For Def. 56 (2012) <http://www.arc4adr.com/articles-kanazawa-myth-of-one-truth.pdf>
- Speaker, "Enforcing Judgments Workshop", McGuireWoods LLP, Los Angeles (2009)
- Speaker, "Impact of Electronic Discovery and Internet Use in the Workplace", Klinedinst PC Employment Law Symposium, San Diego (2007)

EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame Law School, JD, 2005
- University of Arizona, BS, Management Information Systems, magna cum laude, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
- 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
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of California

PRACTICES

- Defense of Claims, Administrative Proceedings & Lawsuits
- Business Litigation
- Product Liability Defense
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- Employee Handbooks, Contracts



California Trial Attorneys

We are a premier litigation boutique with a stellar reputation for our ability to obtain the best results possible for our clients. **Our litigators include seasoned product liability attorneys who have repeatedly been named Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers Magazine.** We represent some of the largest retailers and manufacturers in cases involving an assortment of product defect claims.

Our products practice involves a wide range of products, such as motorcycles, power tools, plumbing-related products, baby food, and pharmaceuticals. Our team also has extensive experience handling mass torts and coordinated actions, and currently serves as local counsel in a coordinated proceeding involving prescription and over-the-counter drugs. **Our experienced trial lawyers have successfully tried many cases to judges, juries, and arbitrators, making us one of the top litigation firms in the nation.**



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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.

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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
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- Construction, including personal injury and construction defect
- Representation of law enforcement agencies and personnel
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- 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.

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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.*

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



- ▶ Won a demurrer with prejudice for automotive R&D enterprise focusing on artificial intelligence and robotics in lawsuit brought by paraplegic alleging design defect claims based on the absence of advanced braking technology in vehicle.
- ▶ Secured a defense verdict in a product liability case in which Plaintiff suffered a career-ending injury to his feet. Plaintiff alleged his motorcycle violently lurched on start-up causing him to lose control of the bike and crush his feet. In addition to the defense verdict, the manufacturer was able to recover from Plaintiff its litigation costs totaling \$250,000.
- ▶ 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 a pharmaceutical company in claims of cancer caused by use of prescribed medication.

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Background of Law Firm

Zuber Lawler is one of the most selective law firms in the United States.

Zuber Lawler represents clients throughout the world from offices in Austin, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix and Silicon Valley. Zuber Lawler focuses on intellectual property; M&A, finance, real estate and other transactions; IPOs; antitrust, data/privacy, FDA, anti-corruption and other regulatory services; product liability; employment; and litigation related to most of these practice areas. In addition to representing Fortune listed companies as well as funds and government entities, Zuber Lawler represents leading companies in emerging industries and technologies, including blockchain, esports/virtual reality, and legalized cannabis. Zuber Lawler's attorneys work in languages covering 90% of the world's population. Zuber Lawler has been ranked #1 in Law360's recent law firm diversity survey 2021.

Product Liability

Zuber Lawler's product liability practice focuses on advice to and counseling of clients regarding FDA, FTC, and PSC compliance as well as representation of clients in trials and appeals, class actions, and mass tort litigation. Our lawyers have served as national coordinating counsel and trial counsel for a Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company, an NYSE-traded international furniture company, and a major retail outlet. Our trial experience has involved a variety of serious personal injury claims and alleged product defects where our skills and experience have produced successful outcomes for our clients.

Notable Representations

- **Represented** major manufacturers of power equipment and consumer electrical goods.
- **Defended** major manufacturer of children's playground equipment.
- **Represented** Fortune 500 corporations in toxic tort cases.
- **Represented** major insurance company in a class action alleging immune system injuries.
- **Represented** major pharmaceutical company in nationwide DES litigation for more than 30 years, including successfully opposing three motions for class certification.
- **Represented** major corporation in a pesticide liability class action.
- **Defended** major restaurant chain in an improper design case.



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