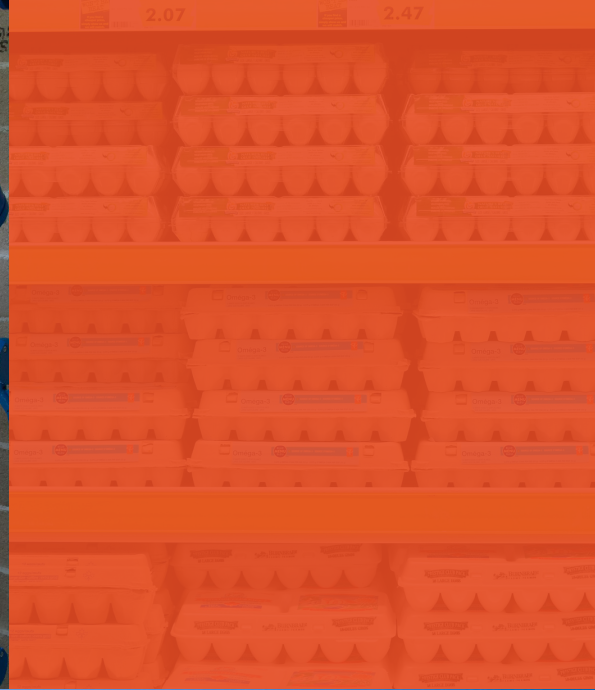




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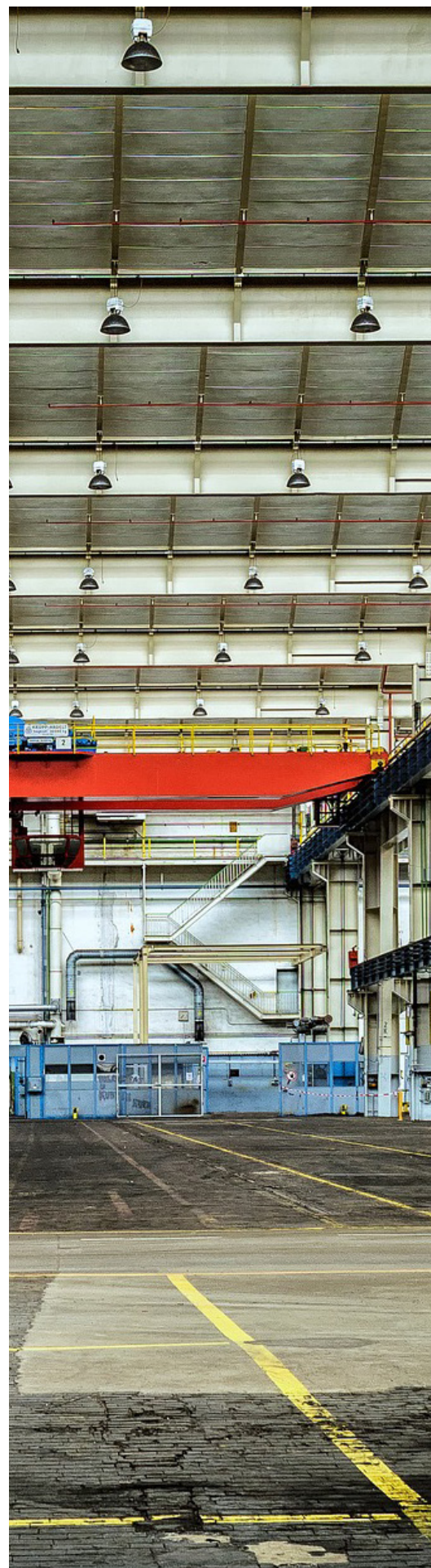
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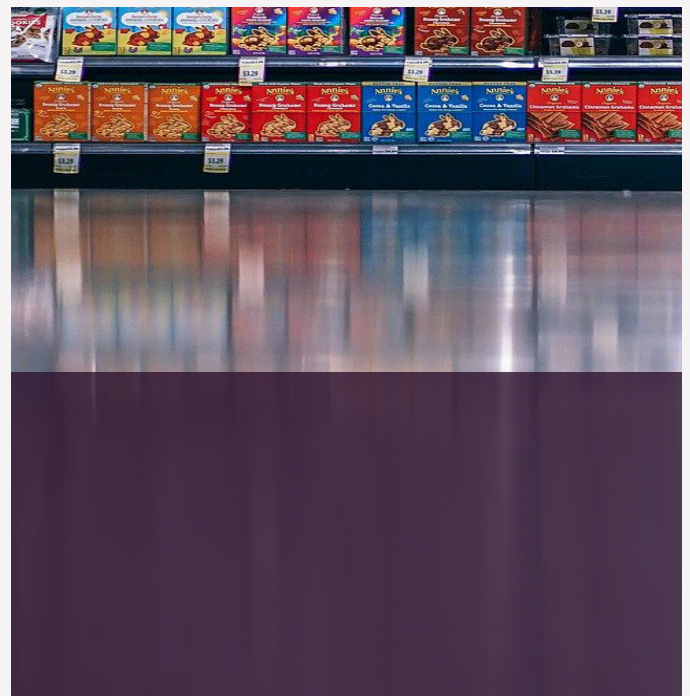
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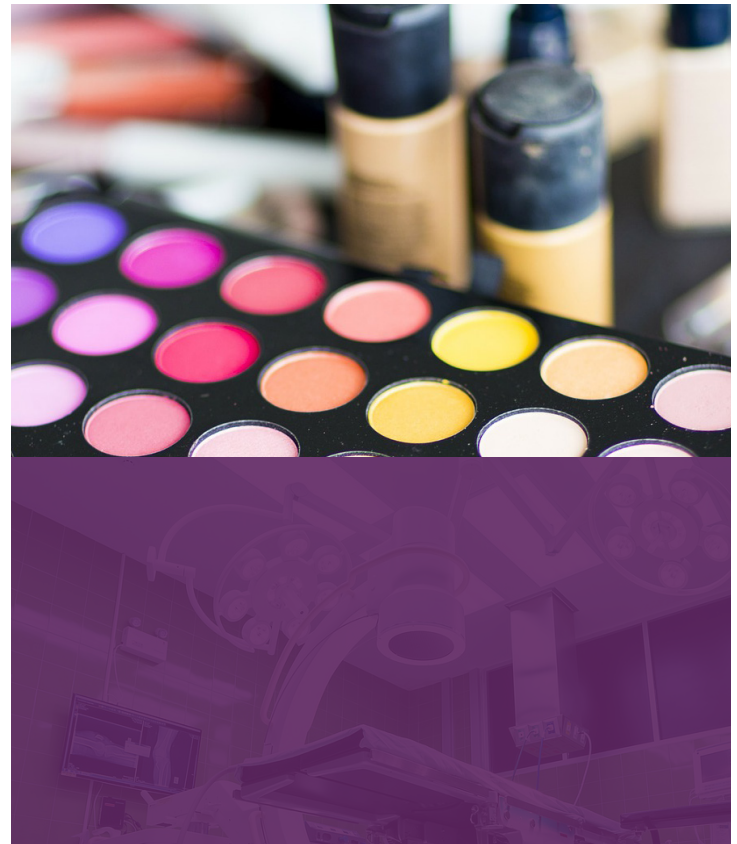
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NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS (NJL) is an innovative, independent, women-owned law firm that is a first choice for organizations across the country seeking deep expertise to solve their complex business challenges and disputes. The firm's status as one of the largest women-owned law firms nationwide reflects NJL's longstanding commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace. We deliver exceptional results precisely because we celebrate and advance the diversity of our team and clients.

DEEP EXPERTISE

We serve as national and regional litigation counsel for a number of Fortune 500 and privately held product manufacturers. Many of those matters have involved "bet the company" cases, both in individual suits and in consolidated mass tort litigation. We have tried product liability, personal injury, and mass tort cases to juries across the United States, and have represented defendants in these matters in every state in the country.

While we have deep trial expertise, our lawyers are also committed to balancing risk and costly litigation with the business objectives of your company. Thus, we distinguish ourselves by identifying, analyzing, and executing preventative measures and risk management strategies that reduce litigation and provide exceptional results for your business.

Our product liability, mass tort, and personal injury lawyers write for some of the nation's leading litigation journals, and we routinely give presentations in our fields of expertise to bar associations, industry groups, and other interested parties across the country. We understand the special requirements and expectations of in-house counsel, loss prevention managers, and corporate risk specialists; and we routinely implement budgeting, communications, and cost-containment criteria to meet our clients' needs.

Our team has experience with a full range of cases that span from mass tort class actions to defending manufacturers in individual product personal injury lawsuits. Examples of the types of product cases we handle include:

- Powersports, Recreational vehicles, and Micromobility
- Chemical products
- Agricultural products
- Construction materials
- Industrial products
- Boilers, furnaces, and gas-fired appliances

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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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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.





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We Know Product Liability

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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.

Perez Morris, the largest woman-owned business law firm in Ohio, operates with a strategic presence throughout the Northeastern U.S., including offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

We serve some of the most prominent industry leaders across various sectors—airline, automotive, construction, financial services, food and restaurant, healthcare, retail, global shipping and logistics, and transportation and trucking. Our approach goes beyond managing business risks and liability exposures; we forge strong partnerships with our clients to facilitate deals and navigate complex legal landscapes through expert defense, business litigation, medical malpractice, pharmacy liability, and comprehensive general counsel services.

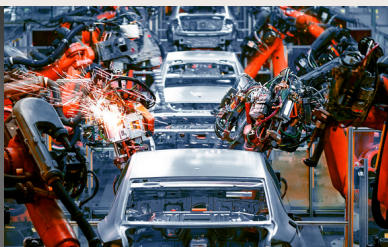
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Pharmaceutical, Biotech, Device and Chemical Practice

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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PRODUCT LIABILITY

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.

National and Global Reach. 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 Experience

Why We're Different

Walsworth's products liability team has a long track record of successfully defending clients against a wide variety of actions, including claims for negligence and strict liability alleging manufacturing, design, and warning defects, breach of warranty, unfair business practices, false advertising, and consumer fraud.

We represent a broad range of clients, including manufacturers, distributors, local and national retailers, and contractors, up to and through trial. Our cases often involve claims of catastrophic injury and death, and the list of product types we defend is long and varied.

Many of the products liability cases we handle involve multiple plaintiffs and are litigated under unique state or federal mass tort rules or as class actions. Our attorneys have years of experience defending against, and defeating, class allegations prior to and after certification. We often act as national or regional coordinating counsel for our clients where claims have been filed in multiple jurisdictions.

We pride ourselves on fully learning our clients' businesses to better understand the design, manufacturing, and quality control processes that are used to create and bring their products to market, which helps us better defend those products and their key decision-makers in litigation.

In every case, we assess risk at an early stage and communicate regularly with our clients to develop strategies to achieve the best possible outcome. In cases with no liability or questionable liability, we pursue and have obtained numerous summary judgments as well as defense verdicts at trial.

Areas of Focus

- Abrasive Products
- Automobile Parts and Accessories
- Chemical Solvents and Products
- Children's Toys
- Coatings and Waterproofing Materials
- Commercial and Residential Building Materials
- Commercial Food Service Products
- Computer Components
- Film/Television Backdrops and Lighting
- Forest and Garden Products
- Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles
- Household Products
- Industrial Machinery
- Manufactured Homes
- Medical Devices
- Metals
- Outdoor Power Products
- Personal Healthcare Products
- Pharmaceuticals and Dietary Supplements
- Sealants
- Talcum Powder



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 Best Lawyers in America® 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

- ▶ Successfully defended a manufacturer in a consumer class action lawsuit wherein the District Court granted our motion to dismiss the complaint for Plaintiffs' class action claims and individual claims, in entirety.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Won summary judgment and costs for corporate user of industrial product against Plaintiffs in multimillion dollar complex product liability case.
- ▶ Won a demurrer in a lawsuit brought by an individual claiming our scooter manufacturer client was negligent. When Plaintiff failed to amend the complaint pursuant to the sustained demurrer, we proceeded ex parte to have the claims dismissed, in entirety, against the scooter manufacturer, which was granted by the Court.

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