

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Major multinational companies trust Winston to defend their products and reputations in high-profile, high-stakes product liability and mass tort claims. Our Product Liability & Mass Torts Practice is one of the industry's most seasoned, with a deep bench of experienced lawyers and a unique combination of extensive trial experience and expansive technical knowledge.

Chaired by Sandra A. Edwards—Winston partner and a former San Francisco Assistant D.A.—our practice has litigated and tried complex cases all over the country involving a wide array of products, including pharmaceuticals, agricultural products, chemical compounds, and consumer products. With our decades of experience comes a deep understanding of scientific and technical issues in areas such as toxicology, epidemiology, genetics, medical causation, and quantitative and comparative risk assessment. Our history of crafting creative, aggressive strategies has resulted in successful outcomes, and cemented our reputation as “go-to” litigators and advisors. We regularly collaborate with our colleagues in other practices—including Appellate & Critical Motions, Consumer Class Actions, and eDiscovery—to best utilize our talent and depth in other areas.

In 2024, our practice was nationally ranked by *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500 US*, and Best Law Firms®. Our practitioners are often in the spotlight for their work, whether by *AmLaw* in its “Litigator of Week” column, in *Benchmark Litigation U.S.*’s “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” list, or as one of Law360’s “Rising Stars” in product liability.

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Areas of Focus

Toxic Torts

Winston has decades of experience defending against toxic tort claims in mass tort cases alleging both bodily injury and property damage in the tobacco; oil and gas; aviation, automotive; waste/recycling; health care and life sciences; and food, beverage, and agriculture industries, among others. We work with scientists and other experts to monitor issues involving microplastics, as well as regulatory changes and determinations or findings from groups or authoritative bodies that often lead to litigation.

Mass Torts & Multidistrict Litigation

We have a consistent record of success handling mass torts in state and federal courts, including Multi-District Litigations (MDLs). Our attorneys have defended some of the most watched MDL and coordinated proceedings in recent memory. Our team is adept at developing and persuading courts to adopt case management orders facilitating the efficient management of proceedings involving large numbers of plaintiffs.

We also work closely with our Class Actions and Group Litigation Practice on class action matters that overlap with product liability issues, including false advertising and labeling, warranties, data privacy and security, environmental, and toxic tort matters.

Product Liability Trials

We have built a reputation as a trial lawyers’ firm for complex product liability and mass tort litigation. *Benchmark Litigation US* has repeatedly named seven Winston partners, including four product liability partners, in its “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” list, a number that places Winston first—once again—in the number of lawyers recognized from a single firm. We frequently serve as lead trial counsel, MDL or statewide coordinating counsel, local counsel, and class action and appellate counsel for our clients nationwide. At the very outset of a matter, we develop strategies that position our clients to emerge successful at trial, while also showing our adversaries that we can, and will, try the case. We also are often brought into cases at critical points to develop trial strategies and signal serious litigation risk to the other side.

“Winston & Strawn work on high-quality cases and are a big player in this space.”

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Commercial Litigation & Disputes	eDiscovery & Information Governance	
Environmental Litigation & Enforcement	Oil & Gas	Health Care
		Life Sciences
Technology, Media & Telecommunications	Medical Devices	

Recent Experience

Winston Serves as Trial Counsel in Monsanto Roundup Litigation

Nabbed Two Big Wins for Motorola in Billion-Dollar Suits Over Cell Phone Safety

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