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THE FIRM This Chicago-based trial and litigation boutique moves up the rankings following consistent praise from peers and clients alike. Observers highlight the firm's deep bench of outstanding trial lawyers and detailed approach to cases. The attorneys also impress with their thorough knowledge of clients' businesses. Demonstrating its expertise in pharmaceutical and medical device litigation, the firm acts as trial counsel for Merck on the Fosamax litigation. It also recently obtained a settlement on behalf of Pfizer in a consolidated trial in which three plaintiffs alleged that their use of hormone replacement therapy drugs caused them to develop breast cancer.

Sources say: "They're exceptionally responsive and very good at putting a case together and arguing it. I'm just a big fan of these people."

KEY INDIVIDUALS Department head **Tarek Ismail's** "talents and trial skills set him apart." Commentators recommend him for his track record in winning highly challenging cases. In addition to his work on the Fosamax litigation and the hormone therapy litigation, he serves as lead trial counsel for Bayer on litigation concerning Magnevist, its MRI contrast agent. **Joe Tomaselli** wins praise for his extensive expertise in pharmaceutical matters and ability to "explain technical issues to clients and juries." Highlights include defending Medtronic in litigation concerning claims that plaintiffs were injured by defective defibrillation leads in implantable cardiac defibrillators.

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THE FIRM This Chicago litigation boutique has extensive trial experience in a range of areas including mass tort matters and headline commercial litigation. The team represents a number of Fortune 500 clients such as Bayer HealthCare, Pfizer and Merck. The team acted as lead counsel for Tickets.com, a subsidiary of Major League Baseball Advanced Media, in the defense of a patent infringement action.

Sources say: "They don't miss a thing. They complement each other's strengths and have different expertise that they put together."

KEY INDIVIDUALS **Tarek Ismail** is singled out by clients for his honesty and accessibility. He specializes in big-ticket litigation for large US corporations and has acted as lead trial counsel for Merck in the first federal trial of a number of product liability suits.