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PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Leading Firms

Band 2

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Leading Individuals

Band 1

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Band 3

Tomaselli Jr Joe W Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Band 4

Goldman Andrew L Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Band 5

Cook Shayna Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Product Liability: Pharmaceutical – Nationwide Ranked Lawyers Spotlight Table

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Tomaselli Jr Joe W Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Recognised Practitioners

Baum Ken Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

LITIGATION TRIAL LAWYERS

Litigation: Trial Lawyers Recognised Practitioners

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

ILLINOIS

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial

Leading Firms

Band 4

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Leading Individuals

Band 3

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

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What the team is known for Respected litigation boutique that is commended for its strength in trial advocacy and its command of complex data underpinning technical cases. Demonstrates expert strength in high-profile mass tort and product liability disputes involving drugs and medical devices, attracting an impressive roster of blue-chip pharmaceutical clients. Offers experience acting as national coordinating counsel in large multidistrict litigation.

Strengths One client comments: *“The firm always produces great work that needs little revision on our end. The attorneys are prepared, knowledgeable, thoughtful and responsive, and they are wonderful at balancing big picture concerns with smaller picture issues on each particular case.”*

Work highlights Served as co-lead counsel on behalf of Johnson & Johnson and Ethicon in a trial in which a plaintiff requested \$85 million in damages for alleged injuries suffered from a pelvic mesh device.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail is a *“phenomenal trial lawyer”* and *“persuasive in spades,”* report market

sources. He is regularly called upon to lead trial teams for major pharmaceutical clients in high-stakes product liability and mass tort disputes. **Joe Tomaselli** is described by one client as *“knowledgeable, thorough, great with witnesses, easy to work with and simply a great partner to our company.”* His well-regarded practice centers in large part on the representation of clients in the pharmaceutical and medical device fields, and he is often sought out in complex scientific disputes. **Andrew Goldman** is described as *“smart, tough, and eminently likeable”* by one market source, who adds: *“clients like him because he’s clearly intelligent and strategic.”* He has extensive experience litigating high-stakes product liability matters as both a trial lawyer and litigation strategist. **Shayna Cook** is a *“very strong trial attorney,”* who impresses clients with her *“breadth of knowledge”* adding that she is *“attuned to the issues that companies face.”* She offers experience handling multidistrict litigation across a wide range of product liability and mass tort disputes.

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What the team is known for Well-regarded litigation practice particularly noted for its nationwide strength in product liability and mass tort matters. Also offers expertise in IP disputes, including patent infringement claims. Represents a number of household names in the pharmaceutical space, drawing on significant trial strength and scientific expertise. Also represents major clients in the entertainment, sports, technology and retail industries.

Strengths A fellow practitioner comments: *“This is a terrific law firm with absolutely outstanding trial lawyers. They are smart, dedicated and very skilled.”*

Work highlights Represented Lafarge in the defense of a \$400 million claim by St. Bernard Parish, claiming that the client was negligent in its handling of a barge moored at a Lafarge facility in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail heads the firm’s litigation practice and specializes in product liability cases, with additional capabilities in complex commercial matters such as consumer class actions, antitrust and civil RICO cases. Clients describe him as *“skilled at boiling a matter down to its essence and developing trial themes that are both compelling and easy to understand.”*