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Product Liability: Pharmaceutical – Nationwide Ranked Lawyers Spotlight Table

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What the team is known for Respected litigation boutique that is commended for its strength in trial advocacy and 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 pharmaceuticals.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients) Sources draw attention to the firm's advocacy expertise, highlighting its bench of "really good trial lawyers" who are "very strong and smart" in this space.

Work highlights Continued to serve as lead trial counsel to Merck in litigation involving its osteoporosis drug, Fosamax. Recent developments include arguing successfully for the dismissal of several plaintiffs from the first Illinois case set for trial, following which the remaining plaintiff voluntarily dismissed her case.

Significant clients Johnson & Johnson, Medtronic, Boehringer Ingelheim.

Notable practitioners

"Go-to trial lawyer" **Tarek Ismail** is highly esteemed for his handling of high-stakes product liability cases, particularly those arising from the pharmaceutical industry. Sources describe him as "smart, consistent and unflappable," highlighting his "phenomenal trial practice." **Joe Tomaselli** is a "terrific" litigator who frequently represents major pharmaceutical and medical device clients in mass torts. He is noted for his expertise in coordinating scientific research underlying disputes.

Andrew Goldman is an experienced litigator, routinely retained by high-profile pharmaceuticals to serve as lead trial counsel in product liability cases. He led the firm's recent representation of Bayer HealthCare in litigation involving its multiple sclerosis treatment, Betaseron.

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Litigation: Trial Lawyers Recognised Practitioners

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Litigation: General Commercial Leading Firms

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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.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients) One source reports: "They've really come out of the box strong and have a good reputation for being willing and able to try cases."

Work highlights Brought in as lead trial counsel for Merck in a private antitrust class action filed by the direct purchasers of a potassium supplement.

Significant clients Implant Direct Sybron Administration, Major League Baseball, Staples, HBO, Bayer.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail comes recommended for his expert commercial trial practice, which draws on particular expertise in acting for pharmaceuticals in mass tort actions. Interviewees describe him as a "strong, well-regarded litigator."