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PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS

Product Liability & Mass Torts

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Band 2

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Leading Individuals

Band 1

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Band 3

Goldman Andrew L. Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Tomaselli Jr Joe W. Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Band 4

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

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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 Interviewees observe: *“They’re an incredibly smart and talented group of lawyers who are thinking about how to try a case from the moment they get it. They’re not the kind of trial lawyers who just do trials – they know the facts of the case and the details.”*

“It’s an excellent litigation boutique with very talented lawyers,” reports another source.

Commentators note: *“They’re great team players and fantastic trial lawyers who are very focused on the shared goal rather than ego or other distractions.”*

Work highlights Served as lead counsel for Bayer in numerous cases involving Magnevist, including coordinating the defense of claims that the pharmaceutical product causes Gadolinium Deposition Disease.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail has established a stellar reputation as a preeminent trial attorney who *“is fabulous in the courtroom, and very skilled and smart.”* He is in high demand in the pharmaceutical sector as someone who one source reports *“knows the facts better than any trial lawyer I know.”* Sources say **Andrew Goldman** is a *“very talented trial lawyer”* who has *“a particular ability to connect with juries,”* with a *“calm and authoritative presence in the courtroom.”* He is frequently mandated on large-scale product liability claims arising from the pharmaceutical sector. **Joe Tomaselli** comes highly recommended for his expert leadership in disputes involving science and medical expert teams, which sees him described as *“very good at digging in on factual issues and coming up with interesting, helpful angles.”* He is recognized for both his strength at trial and strategic oversight. **Shayna Cook** is increasingly recognized for her expert handling of high-stakes multidistrict litigation on behalf of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. Sources praise her for *“figuring out strategically how to take apart experts on the other side,”* as well as describing her as *“a natural trial lawyer.”*

LITIGATION TRIAL LAWYERS

Litigation: Trial Lawyers

Leading Individuals

Band 1

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

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Founding partner **Tarek Ismail** is increasingly recognised as a prominent courtroom advocate, with particular strength representing companies in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries in some of the country’s most contentious product

liability cases. Sources say: *“He is skilled at boiling a matter down to its essence and developing trial themes that are both compelling and easy to understand. He is very knowledgeable and able to communicate well with jurors.”*

ILLINOIS

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial

Leading Firms

Band 3

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Leading Individuals

Band 2

Ismail Tarek Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

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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 source comments: *“I think they are fantastic. They are very client-focused and very big picture-focused. They’re also committed to knowing the business and needs of the company.”*

A client states: *“They’re genuinely the nicest trial attorneys and litigators I’ve ever met, and that’s not*

to say that they’re not thinking strategically and representing us aggressively, because they are, but in front of the jury they are kind and persuasive.”

Work highlights Represented Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals in over 5,000 nationwide cases alleging injuries relating to the perforation and migration of the contraceptive device Mirena.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail is well regarded for his commercial litigation practice. He has particular expertise in the pharmaceutical and medical device space, dealing with class actions and product liability disputes. Peers describe him as *“a terrific trial lawyer,”* highlighting his *“excellent legal skills.”*