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Clients say that **Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP** is a 'top-drawer small firm' that is 'strong', 'high quality' and particularly adept at 'developing strategies to put a case in the best position for trial'. The firm was founded in Chicago in April 2009 and has additional offices in Dallas and Santa Monica. The reputation of its founders, including three former **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP** partners, has served the firm well in quickly establishing its credibility. These include Chicago-based **Tarek Ismail**, 'an outstanding trial lawyer', and **Andrew Goldman**, who also receives glowing feedback from clients. In Dallas, **Joe Tomaselli** is also highly recommended: 'one of the best trial lawyers I have worked with'. The firm served as lead counsel for Merck & Co in ongoing litigation over Vioxx, the pain reliever that was withdrawn from the market, obtaining a complete defense verdict. Merck & Co has also retained the firm to represent it in litigation concerning its osteoporosis medication, Fosamax, which allegedly causes atypical fractures. Other recent instructions include representing Bayer in nationwide product liability litigation relating to its gadolinium-based contrast agent, Magnevist, which is the subject of over 500 lawsuits. The group also acted for Medtronic to obtain a complete dismissal of product liability claims relating to Sprint Fidelis defibrillator leads.

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