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'Excellent' litigation boutique **Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP** fields highly experienced trial attorneys with specialist knowledge in product liability and mass tort litigation involving medical devices and pharmaceuticals; it has '*impressive industry and company knowledge*'. Medtronic sought the team's representation in multi-district litigation over its Sprint Fidelis heart-defibrillation leads, consolidated before federal court in Minnesota. The team is praised for its expertise in scientific evidence, which is bolstered by the presence of two medically trained attorneys. Recent experience includes defending large pharmaceuticals companies, including Merck, in class actions and various actions initiated by state governments. **Andrew Goldman** continued to act as national trial counsel to Merck in in multi-district litigation concerning the risk of femur fractures in long-term use of Fosamax osteoporosis treatment. **Tarek Ismail** has played a key role in defending Merck against attorney general actions seeking reimbursements for Vioxx-related Medicaid costs. The team also acted as national counsel to Bayer HealthCare in over 500 lawsuits concerning Magnevist and its alleged link to nephrogenic systemic fibrosis. **Kenneth Baum**, **Joe Tomaselli** and **Sean Brennan** are also recommended. Overall, the practice's advice is '*consistently superb*', and work is '*impressively cost competitive*' as well as '*timely*' and '*responsive*' in all respects.

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