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**LITIGATION**

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The 'outstanding' team at **Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP** operates across the firm's three offices in Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles. Praised for delivering 'exceptional client service', it has 'a thorough understanding of complex medical and scientific matters' – Los Angeles-based **Kenneth Baum** is a 'stand-out name' in this area – and 'strong trial advocacy skills' to boot. 'Leading figure' **Tarek Ismail** is serving as trial counsel for Boehringer Ingelheim in the Pradaxa MDL in the Southern District of Illinois; bellwether trials are scheduled to commence in August 2014. The firm is lead outside counsel for Bayer in litigation involving Mirena in a federal court MDL and in consolidated state court cases; **Shayna Cook**, who joined in January 2013 from **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**, serves as lead trial counsel and **Brian O'Donoghue** as coordinating counsel. The firm continues to represent Bayer as national counsel in the Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF)/gadolinium product liability litigation pertaining to its Magnevist product; Ismail serves as lead trial counsel and lead counsel in all coordinated proceedings. Also recommended are **Alan Littmann** and **Andrew Goldman** who is 'a fantastic lawyer, very hard-working and smart'. Attorneys are based in Chicago unless stated.

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