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Cook Shayna <i>Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP</i>
Band 5
Baum Ken <i>Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP</i>
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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 “Goldman Ismail is impressive in the sense that they’re not a huge firm but they have great success. They’re able to achieve so much with a smaller group of people,” states an interviewee.

Another commentator reports: “They’re excellent trial lawyers, and are very skilled. They are always in the thick of things.”

One of the firm’s clients stated: “I’ve been blown away by their ability to master communications and they really understand the technical aspects of cases.”

Work highlights Representing Bayer in an MDL of over 5,000 cases regarding the contraceptive system Mirena.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail is considered “top-notch” for his handling of high-profile pharmaceutical product liability cases. He is also esteemed for his work in

medical device litigation and toxic torts alongside his strength in antitrust class actions. “If you needed a first chair for a bet-the-company case, Tarek Ismail is who I’d put up,” states a source. **Andrew Goldman** is recognized for his expert handling of high-profile MDLs for Fortune 500 companies. His expertise ranges from pharmaceutical issues and medical device cases to toxic torts. Sources praise him for being a “very bright, strategic thinker; he adds value to litigation. He’s an excellent lawyer.” **Joe Tomaselli** is best known for his ability to lead expert science groups in constructing defense cases for high-profile pharmaceutical entities. He is also active in notable medical device cases. Commentators commend him for being “very good with the technical stuff” and “really respected in the industry.” **Shayna Cook** is a prominent trial lawyer with a strong track record as lead counsel in MDLs. She frequently acts for major pharmaceutical corporations and is also renowned for medical device cases. One source states: “She’s got the biggest and most phenomenal case wins. We often cite her cases as the best example of a complete win.” **Ken Baum** is experienced in advising on the scientific aspects of drug and medical device litigation. His experience includes handling expert witness preparation during major MDLs.

Litigation Trial Lawyers

Litigation: Trial Lawyers
Leading Individuals
Band 1
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Tarek Ismail has a superlative reputation for handling some of the country’s largest and most complex product liability trials, particularly in the pharmaceutical and medical devices spaces. Clients describe him as “exceptional on his feet and a great

cross-examiner,” while others commend his “ability to distill complex issues for a jury: he is able to not only communicate with the judge from a legal standpoint, but also present well to laypeople.”

Illinois

Litigation

Litigation: General Commercial
Leading Firms
Band 3
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 2
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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 “They have a mix of legal expertise and scientific knowledge, which is a big advantage for them,” says an impressed source.

Clients say: “They are excellent, top-notch lawyers who bring depth and skill to their work.”

“They are responsive, forward-thinking and good at keeping me and my team updated,” sources report.

Work highlights Retained by Bayer to represent Monsanto in state and federal product liability actions concerning its herbicide, Roundup, which plaintiffs allege caused their cancer.

Notable practitioners

Tarek Ismail is “exceptional on his feet,” according to one source, while another commends his ability to “distill complex issues for a jury.” He brings his expert trial practice to bear in a range of high-value civil disputes, including defending against product liability class actions and handling antitrust litigation.

