

Dispute resolution • Product liability, mass tort and class action – defense: pharmaceuticals and medical devices

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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'Highly sought after in the sector', litigation boutique **Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP** is *'truly at the top of the field'* and combines detailed understanding of science with trial expertise. Consequently, the firm is often brought in the eve of a bellwether trial or towards the end of the discovery, in addition to receiving a regular flow of work where it is instructed at the onset of a dispute, often working collaboratively with other high-profile law firms. *'Exceptionally smart'* team head Tarek Ismail is a *'great trial lawyer'* and is regularly at the forefront of the highest-profile life sciences-related disputes handled by the firm, including his ongoing work for Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Ethicon, in transvaginal mesh products liability litigation, currently involving tens of thousands of cases nationwide. Shayna Cook also has a superb reputation in the field and is equally as adept at handling large-scale MDLs as she is at trying cases before juries. Head of the firm's Dallas office, Joe Tomaselli is a *'master of the scientific and medical aspects of a case'*, and is particularly effective working with expert witnesses. Jennifer Greenblatt's experience at handling high-profile cases is considerable and she continues to secure a litany of successes for clients, including on the grounds of pre-emption and statute of limitation. Allyson Julien and Emma Ross were both promoted to partner during 2021, with the latter, who is also a medical doctor, able to *'use her medical knowledge to break down complicated medical and scientific issues for the team and the jury'*. All named practitioners are based out of Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

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Dispute resolution • General commercial disputes

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 Jenner & Block LLP
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 Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
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General commercial disputes

Large national and international corporations approach **Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP** in Chicago for handling B2B disputes as well as for assistance with product liability, mass tort, class action, antitrust and intellectual property cases. Recent work included representing AbbVie, Inc. in eleven consolidated cases pending in Illinois state court where plaintiffs in these cases are hedge funds that invested in Shire Pharmaceuticals after AbbVie announced its intention to acquire Shire in 2014. Practice head Tarek Ismail has considerable experience in acting for pharmaceutical clients, among others. Shayna Cook is well versed in product liability cases, and Alan Littman also covers intellectual property proceedings.

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Leading trial lawyers

Tarek Ismail – Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP. Firm founder and ‘great trial lawyer’ Tarek Ismail, who is based in Chicago, tries complex cases in the medical and pharmaceutical sectors, especially those involving large companies. Clients who instruct Ismail include Johnson & Johnson, Bayer, and Pfizer. He was lead defense counsel for medical device manufacturer Rex Medical in a jury trial scheduled for September 2021; the case was settled just before the trial was due to start.