

Mass Tort and Product Liability

Overview

Carlton Fields defends *Fortune* 100 manufacturers in high-stakes mass tort and product liability litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Our attorneys maintain lead roles in virtually every mass tort portfolio of cases pending in Florida. Examples include the emerging talc and opioid mass tort litigation, as well as asbestos, tobacco, automotive, and a host of pharmaceutical and medical device mass torts. Additionally, we serve our clients as both national and regional counsel, helping to manage, simplify, and globally resolve significant mass torts across jurisdictions.

For more than 30 years, we have helped market-leading clients win or resolve these lawsuits from beginning to end. We have tried more than 100 cases to juries in courts around the country, and work closely with Carlton Fields' appellate lawyers, many of whom are board certified in appellate law and focus on mass tort and product liability issues.

Our approach emphasizes strategy and case management to minimize the overall financial and reputational costs of these often headline-making cases, which frequently number in the thousands. With so much at stake, we take a holistic approach to each engagement, weighing the national and global impact of individual case decisions across the entire portfolio to advance our clients' business and litigation priorities.



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