

▶ **PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS**

The Product Liability & Mass Torts Practice Group at Williams Kastner continues to expand and adapt to developments in the legal environment for product manufacturers, sellers, distributors and their insurers. Effective risk management, new technological advances, and major changes in tort law are just a few of the challenges faced by businesses today, and Williams Kastner recognizes the significant impact of these developments on the needs of companies involved in the business of manufacturing and selling products.

The attorneys at Williams Kastner have an extremely broad base of experience. Our clients benefit not only from our product liability background, but also from our experience in other areas such as personal injury and medical malpractice defense. Several attorneys also have engineering degrees, which is an asset in matters involving mechanical devices, machinery, tools and electrical equipment.

Every product liability attorney at Williams Kastner takes the same practical, cost-conscious approach to handling product liability disputes. Cases are handled from a pragmatic perspective, and our attorneys consistently seek alternative methods for dispute resolution whenever appropriate. When cases do go to trial, our attorneys are well known for their preparation, tenacity, and imagination. The firm's attorneys pride themselves on the ability to handle complex matters by appropriately utilizing the firm's extensive resources including paralegals, trained support staff, sophisticated computer resources, and state-of-the-art communications equipment.



We have experience in all areas of product liability law. We represent clients with products in numerous areas, including industrial equipment, consumer goods, pharmaceutical, construction, and chemicals. Williams Kastner attorneys have tried many complex cases involving construction equipment and heavy machinery, including cranes, scaffolding, hoists, and lifts. Over the years, we have developed ample experience in representing clients in mass tort claims, ranging from the Dalkon Shield litigation to asbestos litigation. Our litigation experience includes client and expert witness responsibilities at the local, national, and international level.

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Mass Torts

Over the last 25 years, our attorneys have distinguished themselves in virtually every area of mass tort litigation. Those areas may be grouped in three categories: Consumer Products, Industrial & Occupational Products and Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices litigation. Many of our attorneys have backgrounds in science, medicine and engineering disciplines, enabling them to handle expert witnesses effectively and present complex information to the mediator, judge and jury. Our trial readiness and exceptional trial results have been vital components of our clients' success.

Representative Products Defended by Williams Kastner

- Adhesives
- Agricultural Equipment (combines, crop choppers, augers)
- Aircraft
- All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's)
- Asbestos
- Bicycles
- Chain Saws
- Consumer Appliances and Equipment
- Consumer Products
- Cosmetics
- Cranes
- Crutches
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Electrical Wire and Cable
- Electronic Equipment
- Elevators
- Excavators (Mini, Hydraulic)
- Fertilizers
- Firearms
- Fire Extinguisher and Sprinkler Systems
- Food Products
- Formaldehyde Products
- Gas/Oil Storage Tank Valves
- Gasoline Pumps
- Heavy Equipment
- Helmets
- Herbicides and Pesticides
- Hoists
- Industrial Clamps
- Industrial Equipment and Machinery
- Intraocular Lenses
- Intrauterine Devices
- Lawn Tractors/Riding Mowers
- Lift Trucks
- Lifting Equipment
- Logging Equipment
- Manlifts (Boom and Scissor)
- Medical Instruments
- Medical Devices
- Melamine Laminates
- Motorcycles
- Oil Drill Hoist Chain
- Paints
- Pharmaceuticals (Prescription and Over-The-Counter)
- Pleasure Boats and Yachts
- Powered Temporary Work Platforms
- Radial Arm and Table Saws
- Recreational Vehicles
- Rototillers
- Scaffolding

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- Straddle Carriers
- Submersible Pumps
- Tanker Trucks
- Temporary Work Platforms
- Tire and Rubber Products
- Transformers
- Treated Lumber
- Turbines
- Vaccines
- Wheelchairs