



Product Liability & Major Tort Litigation Services



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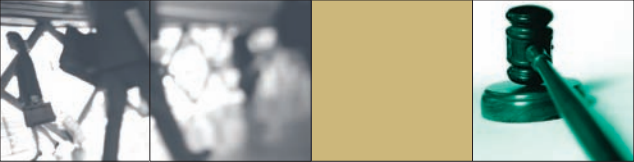
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About The Group

Thompson Hine's Product Liability and Major Tort lawyers have handled thousands of cases throughout the United States and abroad. We have litigated a wide range of product liability and major tort matters involving aerospace, automotive, chemical, electrical, mechanical, medical device, pharmaceutical, and other matters.

Our trial lawyers are actively involved in national product liability organizations and have lectured and written extensively on product liability matters. We act as national and regional product liability counsel for major clients, protecting their interests throughout the United States. Our practice covers all aspects of product liability and major tort matters, from preventative counseling and alternative dispute resolution through trial and appeals. We pride ourselves on providing innovative, efficient, cost-effective solutions to product liability and major tort issues. The significance of our experience is evidenced by the fact that two of our partners have served as president of the Defense Research Institute, the nation's largest association of defense lawyers. Three of our partners are members of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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Representative Matters

Our national and regional representation has enabled us to develop a working knowledge of each jurisdiction's practices and procedures. This experience also enhances our ability to select and associate with able local defense counsel. Examples of our experience include:

- Serving as national trial and coordinating counsel for a leading manufacturer of food equipment systems in product liability matters, including the defense of product designs for meat grinders, mixers, slicers, saws, tenderizers and deep fat fryers.
- Serving as national counsel for a major electrical/electronic equipment manufacturer in the defense of shock, burn and explosion cases involving electricity and electrical/electronic products.
- Serving as regional counsel for a construction and mining equipment manufacturer in product liability matters involving heavy equipment and warranty matters.
- Serving as national coordinating, supervising and trial counsel for a leading aluminum automotive wheel producer.
- Representing an international oil producer in toxic tort litigation involving paints and thinners.
- Representing a transportation products manufacturer in defending product liability cases alleging chemical leaks from railroad tank cars.
- Serving as regional counsel for leading manufacturers of major home appliances.
- Handling tort litigation for shipowners across the U.S. in a wide variety of admiralty matters, including national defense of asbestos bodily injury cases and other personal injury, Jones Act cases, cases involving hull and cargo damage, collisions, other property damage, vessel documentation, allisions, marine insurance, environmental and Coast Guard matters.



- Serving as primary counsel defending several automobile manufacturers in product liability and personal injury litigation.
- Representing a major aerospace manufacturer.
- Defending manufacturers whose products are linked to major catastrophes including hotel fires in San Juan, Las Vegas, White Plains (New York) and San Francisco; a supper club fire in Kentucky; the collapse of a hotel skywalk in Kansas City; a paper mill fire; a cold storage warehouse fire in Wisconsin; and a major health scare.
- Defending a leading manufacturer of hand tools against product liability lawsuits.
- Defending a large handgun manufacturer against “cost recovery” claims by various municipalities.



- Representing a major consumer products manufacturer in a proposed nationwide class action involving a registered pesticide.
- Representing a former building products manufacturer in its defense of asbestos in building cases.
- Counseling a major pharmaceutical manufacturer in product liability matters.
- Provided multistate representation of a target defendant in a multimillion dollar damage phase of consumer class action based litigation.
- Represented shipowner before Ohio Court of Appeals, resulting in vacating \$1.8 million personal injury verdict as excessive due to passion and prejudice of jury.

We cover all aspects
of product liability
& major tort matters...



- Represent several major polymer service companies in national product liability matters.
- Represented shipowner in negotiations with Department of Justice resulting in satisfactory resolution of \$3.5 million claim for oil pollution cleanup expenses from sunken vessel.
- Represented shipowner in defense of seaman's claim of career-ending back injury, resulting in jury verdict for shipowner.
- Provided defense of a putative consumer class action against a leading power tool manufacturer.
- Representing a Fortune 10 manufacturer in multiple jurisdictions for multimillion dollar fire and business interruption losses.
- Providing defense for designers against sick building syndrome allegations relating to mold.
- Defending a manufacturer of drainage sanitary sewer bridge and other construction products in national warranty and property damage litigation.
- Providing national defense of supplier of seamless and welded tubular products in cases involving significant property damage and economic and business interruption losses.
- Representing a manufacturer of consumer product used to combat dust allergies in class action and individual cases.



OUR CLIENT SERVICE PLEDGE

What Our Clients Can Expect From Us . . .

1. We will know your business.

We make it our business to understand your business. We will invest our time and resources to develop and maintain knowledge of the dynamics that impact both your industry and your organization. Understanding your business will help us provide better counsel to you.

2. We will plan our engagements with you.

We know that clients differ in their goals, risk tolerance and a variety of other factors that must be taken into consideration before work can begin on any matter. At the beginning of every significant matter, we will work with you to develop a plan to meet your strategic goals. By agreeing on a plan at the beginning—and adjusting it as needed—we will stay focused on what is most important to you.

3. We will manage your work as if we were the client.

We will work with you to manage your costs. We will staff every matter with the right resources, and we will manage the work as if we were the client—delivering the highest quality of service on time and in the most cost-effective manner.

4. We will be available when you need us.

We recognize that you often need to make swift decisions and act quickly. We will be ready to act for you when you need us, and we will make ourselves available wherever and whenever necessary.

5. We will communicate often.

Our goal is that you will never be surprised about developments in anything we are handling. We will provide regular updates on the progress of your matters, including all significant developments and changes to scope, timeline or budget.

6. We will provide the highest-quality counsel.

Above all else, we stand for the highest quality. Our lawyers, paralegals and staff take pride in the work they do. From the boardroom to the courtroom, you can count on Thompson Hine for the highest-quality service.

What Our Clients Can Do To Help . . .

1. We ask you to share your goals.

The more we know about your goals, the better we can manage our services to help you attain them. If your goals change as a matter progresses, we ask that you tell us, so we can adjust our approach to meet your expectations.

2. We want to know your preferences for working with us.

We ask you to tell us your preferred methods of communication, invoice and billing procedures, and anything else that is important to you, so that we can deliver our service the way you want it.

3. We need your feedback.

We want your feedback on our performance so that we can continue to meet and exceed your expectations.

About Thompson Hine

Established in 1911, Thompson Hine is a business law firm dedicated to providing superior client service. The firm has been recognized as one of the Best Corporate Law Firms in America in an annual survey of corporate directors conducted by *Corporate Board Member* magazine. With approximately 400 lawyers in offices in **ATLANTA, CINCINNATI, COLUMBUS, CLEVELAND, DAYTON, NEW YORK** and **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, Thompson Hine serves premier businesses worldwide, including:

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