



TORT LITIGATION

OUR EXPERIENCE IN TORT MATTERS ENCOMPASSES ALL ASPECTS OF LITIGATION IN FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BEGINNING WITH PRE-TRIAL DISCOVERY THROUGH MOTION PRACTICE, TRIAL, AND, WHEN NECESSARY, APPEAL.

The breadth and depth of SHB's trial practice is what separates us from other firms. SHB tort attorneys pride themselves on their ability to litigate virtually any matter in any venue. Our collective wealth of experience extends from one substantive area of the law to another and allows us to successfully transfer litigation tactics and skills across all areas. Our litigation expertise includes products liability claims; environmental toxic torts; workplace toxic exposure; hazardous chemical transport issues; automotive industry matters; commercial carrier matters; airline crash claims; defense of professional malpractice claims; defense of wrongful death claims; RICO, fraud and intentional torts; and premises liability.

SHB has successfully managed, directed and tried high-stakes litigation cases for more than 50 years. We focus on understanding and then solving our clients' litigation problems. SHB has developed data, computer and information systems and expertise that make us ideally suited to defend individual and mass tort litigation. Our attorneys have served as national and regional coordinating counsel, developing defense strategies and themes as well as handling day-to-day case management. As a result of our expertise, SHB has played a lead defense and trial counsel role in some of the largest and most substantial national, as well as international, tort liability claims and mass tort lawsuits.

We have successfully argued key procedural, liability and evidentiary issues in more than 60 jurisdictions. These issues include, among others, federal preemption of state common law claims, removal of state court suits to federal court, class action standing and related issues, forum non conveniens issues, *Daubert* and *Frye* motions to exclude expert testimony, comment protections in strict liability actions, interpretation of the "consumer expectation" doctrine, FIFRA preemption, application of foreign law, conflict of law issues, state-of-the-art defenses, "duty to test" claims, and mental anguish claims for damages in the absence of physical injury.

Complementing our trial skills is our ability to appropriately and effectively staff matters of all sizes, from smaller individual claims to complex litigation such as class actions and multidistrict litigation. Our clients have the security of knowing that, regardless of the size or complexity of the matter, SHB can handle all of their litigation needs.

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