



## **Shook Accelerates Growth of New York Office and Automotive Litigation Practice**

*Seven lawyers including three partners, three senior counsel and one counsel comprise the new group joining Shook's automotive and technology team in NYC.*

**New York, NY** (February 14, 2023) Shook, Hardy & Bacon welcomes a group of national automotive litigators to its deep bench of class action and product litigators. Partners Michael Gallub and Homer Ramsey have preeminent reputations in automotive class action and product liability matters. They hail from the same firm and bring a combined 60+ years of experience in the cutting-edge automotive industry and other sectors. Partner Brian Carr brings complex litigation and class action experience for a variety of industries including automotive, and together with Gallub, also successfully defend complex environmental matters. The new group includes three partners, three senior counsel and one counsel.

“Our NYC office location is growing, and we expect more growth in the coming months. We are excited about this group because their practice, expertise, and cultural approach align seamlessly with ours,” Chair Madeleine McDonough notes.

“We know of Michael and Homer’s exceptional capabilities from collaborating with them in various high-stake industrywide litigations,” said Partner Amir Nassihi, who along with Partner Michael Mallow have lead national class action roles for a number of manufacturers and distributors. “Asking them to join Shook is a natural fit as we continue to deepen our east coast bench of lead class action and product lawyers who can creatively and effectively defend the most challenging cases anywhere.”

Shook’s automotive and technology team represents most of the world’s leading automotive and technology companies handling just about every type of claim. A key differentiator is Shook’s holistic approach in advancing it’s client’s interests at all stages of the product life cycle, including risk mitigation approaches pre-litigation, pioneering creative and highly successful defense strategies to control and defeat litigation, and incorporating lessons learned to continuously enhance ways to protect and advance our client’s brand.

“It’s a perfect fit. I think our combined class action and product liability strengths will add to a bench already unparalleled in the industry,” said Ramsey from New York.

“The synergy is there and we have collaborated in a variety of roles with Shook lawyers,” said Gallub from his New York office. “They are at the top echelon of what we do as nationwide class action litigators and bottom line, combining forces is a win-win for our clients and theirs.”

In addition to their automotive experience, Gallub and Carr also have a robust environmental practice which includes handling complex MDLs and Superfund matters, and Ramsey serves as regional product liability counsel for medical implant companies. The senior counsel additions include commercial and class action litigators Bryan Hogg, Danny Robertson and Joshua Weiner. Counsel Chris Picciano rounds out the group.

Gallub and Ramsey have a thriving national practice representing major foreign and domestic manufacturers and distributors as lead class action defense counsel throughout the U.S., in addition to an unparalleled regional practice defending all types of products focused litigation in New York and New Jersey. Together they have successfully defended nationwide and statewide high-stakes product related class actions of virtually every type and nature, including those involving countless types of automotive and technology claims. Gallub and Ramsey also assist international companies in the defense of class actions in other countries such as Canada, Israel and Australia.

Gallub is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC) and the Judiciary Committee of the LGBT Bar Association of New York. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, three U.S. District Courts, the State of New York, and has also been admitted *pro hac vice* to defend clients in numerous federal and state courts throughout the U.S.

Ramsey is a sustaining member of the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC), and has served on product liability and other committees of the New York City Bar. He is admitted to practice in two U.S. Courts of Appeals, five U.S. District Courts, the States of New York and New Jersey, and has also been admitted to defend clients in numerous federal and state courts throughout the U.S.

The new group will join Shook's Class Action and Appellate Practice, which is led by national Co-Chairs Tristan Duncan, Michael Mallow and Amir Nassihi. Shook's multidisciplinary approach ensures class action lawyers collaborate closely with the firm's lauded Product Liability Litigation Practice and the Automotive and Technology industry team.

Mid-February, Shook moves into a new space at 1 Rockefeller Plaza after opening a New York office in 2021 with a team of science-driven partners. Appellate Litigator Scott Chesin leads the New York office.

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### **About Shook, Hardy & Bacon**

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