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OVERVIEW

Corey is a nationally recognized mass tort and product liability litigator with extensive experience serving as national coordinating counsel for Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 corporations facing high-stakes and high-volume litigation in the nation's most challenging jurisdictions.

Corey prides himself on his ability to deliver results for clients and implement strategies that reduce risk, reduce cost, and meet clients' goals and broader strategies. Corey's practice involves management of high-volume asbestos dockets but also includes defending clients in talc, diacetyl, benzene, silica, pharmaceutical, and other toxic tort and product liability matters.

As national coordinating counsel for multiple asbestos defendants, Corey leads and manages the coordinated defense of thousands of cases across state and federal courts around the country. Corey manages large dockets and works closely with teams of attorneys and local counsel firms nationwide. He also works closely with clients to develop and implement comprehensive litigation strategies from inception through trial, including case-specific and docket-wide approaches to discovery, depositions, expert witness management, dispositive motions, and trial preparation. Corey is known for his ability to efficiently coordinate resources, unify defense themes, minimize client risk, and engage in difficult negotiations on a national scale.

Industry

Manufacturing

Services

Asbestos Litigation

Complex Torts (CXT)

Product Liability

Toxic Tort

Corey believes in developing strategies that help clients retain their resources, which include negotiating tolling agreements or other alternative agreements, developing working relationships with national firms, securing dismissals quickly, and recognizing risk early in case development to position clients for success.

Corey also crafts and oversees robust discovery strategies for each client, including document collection and review, large-scale document productions, site inspections, fact investigation, and responses to written discovery. He is adept at managing complex, multi-jurisdictional discovery and ensuring consistency and defensibility across a national docket. Corey's meticulous attention to detail and use of technology and data ensures that clients are well-positioned for dispositive motions, trial, or negotiating resolutions. Corey works with a team of attorneys to research, draft, and prepare dispositive motions and has been successful in arguing jurisdictional motions, discovery-related motions, and dispositive motions.

Corey has developed a deep understanding of the medical and scientific aspects underlying these toxic tort cases that enables him to challenge opposing experts effectively and present compelling testimony on behalf of clients. Corey has cross-examined and defended at deposition numerous leading medical, scientific, and state-of-the-art expert witnesses in asbestos, benzene, silica, diacetyl, and other toxic tort matters. He has worked with and against many of the nation's most prolific plaintiff-side experts.

Corey is a trusted advisor to major corporations facing complex tort-based claims. Corey's reputation for strategic thinking, relationship building, tough negotiations, and results-driven advocacy has made him a go-to defense counsel in the most challenging litigation environments.

In addition to his litigation practice, Corey has published law review articles and contributed to amicus briefs on cutting-edge topics impacting industry-wide liability and defense strategy.

Featured Experience

A Precedent-Setting Victory

When an international manufacturer was sued by an Oklahoma resident in the City of St. Louis for premises liability, Corey and his team achieved an extremely favorable verdict that set a precedent in the state. The plaintiff alleged that he had been exposed to asbestos while working at the client's facility in Oklahoma, but admitted that – unlike some of the other 70 defendants – the claims related to the client did not arise from any contacts with Missouri. The court agreed with Corey's argument that this eliminated any grounds for the exercise of specific jurisdiction under Missouri's long-arm statute, despite the client's ongoing business contact in the state. The decision was a major development for personal jurisdiction jurisprudence in Missouri and the first of its kind following *Daimler AG v. Bauman*. By limiting how much the client could be sued for in Missouri state courts, Corey and his team saved the client an extensive amount of money – and made ripples across plaintiffs' bars.

Experience

- Served as national coordinating counsel, trial counsel and local counsel for defendants in asbestos, silica, diacetyl and benzene lawsuits.
- Served as national trial counsel for leading clinical reference laboratory, responsible for all clinical and anatomic pathology-related lawsuits filed against the lab throughout the U.S.
- Represented clients in tobacco, pharmaceutical, medical device and other complex product liability lawsuits.
- Served as litigation counsel for a national title insurance company.

Recognition

- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Class Action, Rising Star, 2014-2023

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - Certificate in Health Law
 - *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, Managing Editor
- B.S., Truman State University
 - *cum laude*
 - Blue Key National Honor Fraternity
 - Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Fraternity

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

*Contact Corey to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the St. Louis office.



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