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OVERVIEW

John is a veteran litigator who has defended clients against toxic tort claims in some of the country's toughest jurisdictions.

For nearly 30 years, John has defended clients in the areas of toxic and mass torts and products liability. He has assisted clients in developing broad litigation strategies across entire case portfolios and has served on teams as national coordinating counsel as well as local counsel.

John has directed and managed the defense of thousands of toxic tort cases in some of the most plaintiff-friendly venues in the U.S. and works with clients to drive innovative approaches to each phase of litigation, including case investigation, discovery, deposition, settlement strategies, and trial preparation. In particular, John has developed a deep understanding of asbestos-related litigation and has represents dozens of clients in resolving disputes and preserving corporate value.

John also has significant experience handling general litigation matters, including professional liability, construction, municipal liability, premises liability and environmental litigation. He has managed premises liability litigation at the state level for a national chain of fitness centers and developed arguments leading to Pennsylvania courts enforcing waiver clauses in membership agreements. A number of these cases have been affirmed on appeal, and as a result, the law on this issue has favored defendants and fitness centers.

Industries

Technology

Manufacturing

Transportation

Services

Complex Torts (CXT)

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Product Liability

Toxic Tort

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Prior to entering private practice, John served as a law clerk to Hon. Clarence Charles Newcomer, a United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Education

- J.D., Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law
  - *cum laude*
  - *Temple Law Review,* Managing Editor
  - Moot Court Board, Member
- B.A., Juniata College
  - History
  - Business (minor)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

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