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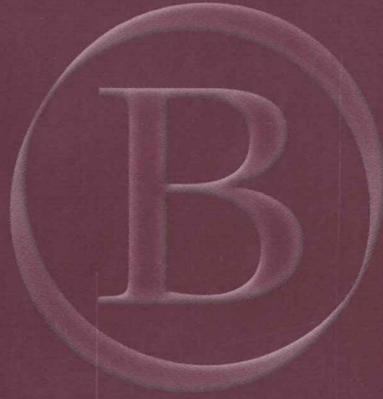
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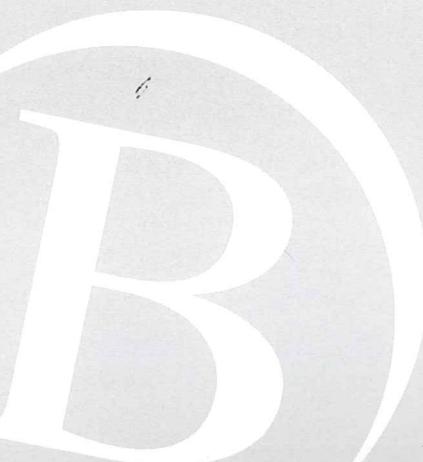
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Big Ticket Issues for Domestic Victims of Global Cartels

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Over the past 15 years, government authorities around the world have uncovered and pursued international price-fixing cartels in a wide array of industries -- air transportation services, vitamins, fine chemicals, and computer parts, to name just a few. Not surprisingly, US courts have seen a related number of lawsuits by the direct victims of these conspiracies. From a plaintiff's perspective, the United States is the preferred forum for global cartel litigation, with its joint and several liability, treble damages, liberal discovery, class actions, and awards for attorney's fees. While US courts have chipped away at some of these advantages, making it more difficult for large global companies to obtain full restitution and limiting the deterrent effect of treble damages, the United States will likely remain the preferred forum for victims for some time.

Lately, global cartel litigation has focused on a few big ticket issues—in particular, the degree to which courts assert subject matter jurisdiction over so-called ‘foreign claims’ and obtaining evidence from conspirators located abroad. These issues are particularly favored by admitted conspirators because they can gut the claims of victims without regard to issues of substantive liability. These are fact-intensive issues with significant dollars at stake that matter to US companies with global purchases.

US Claims in a Global Cartel, Defining the Scope of Recovery

Congress enacted the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act (FTAIA) in 1982 to (1) relieve American manufacturers of the fear that the US antitrust laws would apply to their ‘export commerce’ in the same way that it applied to domestic commerce and (2) to clarify the jurisdictional reach of US courts over conduct that has a “direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect” on domestic US commerce. Despite its good intentions, this poorly-written statute has created more than its fair share of controversy.

In international cartel cases, US courts were poised in the early 2000s to assert jurisdiction over claims encompassing all purchases from global conspirators, including purchases made outside the United States from non-US cartelists. But the Supreme Court in *F. Hoffman-La Roche Ltd, et al. v. Empagran SA*, 542 U.S. 155 (2004) interpreted the FTAIA to exclude claims where the victim's ‘foreign’ injury occurred independent of the conspiracy's domestic effects. The Supreme Court dodged the argument that the FTAIA permits jurisdiction over all claims arising from

conspiracies in interdependent worldwide product markets. But lower courts have almost unanimously rejected that argument.

Instead, courts have struggled to define a dividing line between ‘domestic’ injuries from ‘foreign’ ones. In general, courts look to all sorts of evidence: the contract, choice-of-law clause, shipping documents, delivery terms, history and location of negotiations, whether the parties negotiated a global price, the location that the conspirators delivered the product and sent their invoices, the degree of control exerted by a United States parent company over foreign subsidiaries that received the product, and virtually any other fact that may be relevant to determining where the victim, in fact, was injured. There is no exhaustive list. These issues also arise in the context of ‘indirect purchaser’ litigation: cases brought against cartels under various state antitrust and consumer protection statutes of US jurisdictions by companies further down the chain of distribution.

Notably, courts will bifurcate a single ‘claim’ into domestic and foreign components to eliminate ‘foreign’ injuries. Thus, for example, where a cartel targeted an international company that purchased products both in the United States and abroad, courts historically allow the victim to pursue damages only for the US purchases, even though the international claims flow from the same illegal worldwide agreement. Victims must pursue damages for these excluded purchases under foreign law to the extent that other countries permit private claims.

In response to this body of law, some plaintiffs have asked US courts to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over their foreign claims, but to date, courts have declined the invitation. This is not because they lack the power to decide the claims, as some defendants have argued. Instead, such claims have been dismissed under the doctrine of foreign non conveniens. See, e.g., *In Re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1616 cite (D Kan.).

Discovery of Foreign Defendants

Few legal systems outside the United States require defendants to disclose as much information prior to trial as they must under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Foreign countries are historically wary of the unique treble damage antitrust cases that can be brought under the Sherman Act. This confluence of broad discovery and ‘punitive’ damage claims has in the past created friction when US plaintiffs seek discovery of foreign

defendants and individuals under the Federal Rules rather than the Hague Convention on the taking of evidence abroad in commercial or civil matters. These issues become especially significant for companies seeking to establish subject-matter jurisdiction under the FTAIA.

From a practical perspective, significant differences exist between the Federal Rules and the Hague Convention. Compulsory proceedings under the Hague can be extremely expensive and time-consuming. The effectiveness of the end product is questionable and subject to the rulings of the foreign country's central authority and the local judge. For example, many signatories to the Hague Convention significantly restrict access to documents. Deposition questions must be written and translated in advance and cannot be open-ended. Translators must be secured. Stenographers may or may not be permitted. There are many more options to refuse to answer questions, as deponents are permitted to assert the privileges of the country requesting the deposition and the country in which it is taken. There is no cross-examination, and little or no opportunity for follow-up questions by attorneys who are knowledgeable about the case.

To determine whether a US court will order a foreign party to provide discovery under the Federal Rules, courts examine several factors, including: (a) the importance of the information to the litigation; (b) the specificity of the request; (c) whether the information originated in the United States; (d) the availability of alternative means of obtaining the information; and (e) the extent to which noncompliance with the request would undermine important US interests or compliance with the request would undermine important interests of the state where the information is located. *Societe Nationale Industrielle Aerospatiale v. U.S. Dist. Court for the S. Dist. of Iowa*, 482 U.S. 522 (1987). The outcome of this analysis is inherently fact-specific.

Any one of these issues can exert a substantial effect on a victim's rights. Particularly in the context of FTAIA issues, a domestic company with international operations should exercise vigilance over the conduct of the litigation and the strategic choices used to maximize the value of the company's claim.

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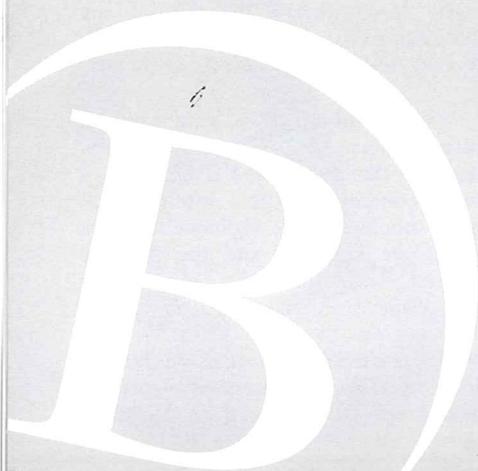
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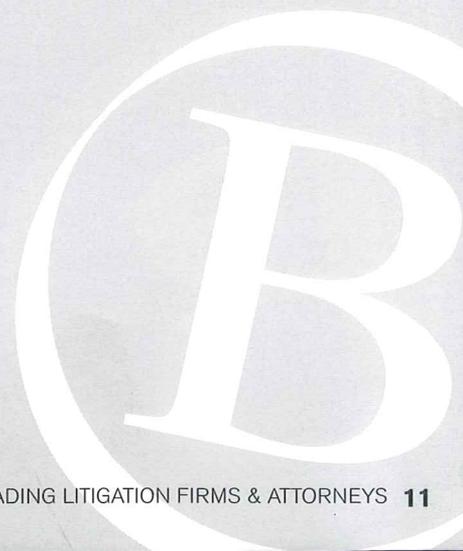
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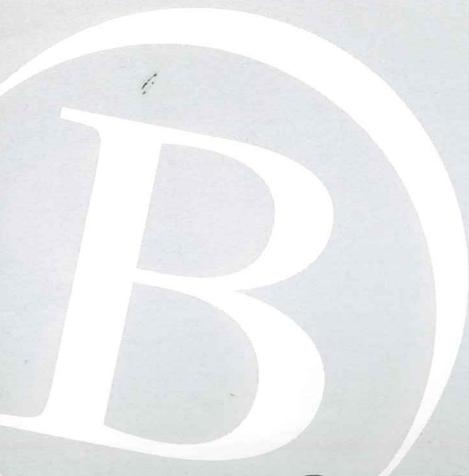
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US Supreme Court Ruling in *i4i v. Microsoft* Protects Patent Holders

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The US Supreme Court's decision in June to uphold a \$290 million patent infringement judgment against Microsoft represents an important milestone in the history of US patent law. By affirming the trial court win for Canadian software developer *i4i* Limited Partnership, the Supreme Court declined to adopt Microsoft's proposed new standard for determining patent validity despite support from many of the world's most recognizable IT companies, including SAP, Facebook, Yahoo!, and others.

As a result, patent holders everywhere will be able to protect their patents in US courts without the risk of a new standard that would have significantly lowered the burden of proof for invalidating a patent.

The trial court judgment was entered in 2009 after a Texas federal jury determined that Microsoft willfully infringed an *i4i* patent (US Patent No. 5,787,449) that covers a formatting system for electronic documents. The ruling gained international media attention after the trial judge determined that certain editions of Microsoft's ubiquitous Word software program violated the *i4i* patent, and that products incorporating the patent should no longer be sold in the US. The company quickly appealed the trial court judgment and eventually provided a patch for Word that disabled the infringing features.

In its appeal, Microsoft launched a two-pronged attack by arguing that the *i4i* patent was invalid based on prior art that was not reviewed by the US Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) before the patent was issued, and by challenging US legal precedent that patents issued by the USPTO can only be invalidated by "clear and convincing evidence." Microsoft asked that patent validity be judged by the lower "preponderance of the evidence" standard, particularly in cases where "new evidence" is presented that was not reviewed in the patent application process.

The sea-change proposed by Microsoft

contradicted decades of US patent law decisions that relied on the more stringent "clear and convincing" standard when determining patent validity. If Microsoft's wishes had come true, owners of patents would have lost the presumption that their patents are valid, and that the USPTO had done its job of examination correctly.

The time and money required to defend a patent invalidity claim creates significant burdens for patent holders. The impact of Microsoft's proposal would have been devastating, or delightful, depending on one's perspective.

Many large corporations would have been in the 'delighted' category, since very few patent holders possess the financial strength to take on in-house legal departments and well-heeled outside defense firms employed by companies like Microsoft. Those in the 'devastated' column would have included every patent holder who lacks the resources to engage in a toe-to-toe battle with a giant corporate defendant. Even outside the litigation arena, lowering the bar for invalidating patents would chill investment in technology start-ups, since often the only attractive feature of such risky ventures is their intellectual property.

In upholding the existing standard, the Supreme Court acknowledged that 'new evidence' may warrant greater consideration than that which already has been considered and rejected by the USPTO. To address that scenario, the ruling acknowledged that trial court jurors may be instructed that the USPTO did not consider the 'new evidence' during the initial patent review process. However, the court held, even when such instructions are presented, juries still must adhere to the "clear and convincing" standard.

The recommendation for additional jury instructions will play a significant role in future US patent litigation, since patent

infringement defendants now have an increased incentive to identify prior art that might convince a jury to question whether a particular patent is valid. In addition to providing for more late-night prior art research by law firm associates, this recommendation may cause both plaintiffs and defendants to re-think how they present and defend patent claims before judges and juries.

Companies pursuing patent infringement claims now will face instances where they must devote significant courtroom time and more detailed jury explanations for why certain prior art should not trigger an invalidity finding. For defendants, the counter-arguments will become more expansive and more intricate in hopes of convincing a jury that unexamined prior art should undermine an infringement claim.

Another ramification of the Supreme Court's ruling is avoiding the predicted impact on US patent litigation. Pundits from across the legal and technology arenas viewed Microsoft's proposed patent validity standard as a death knell for many patent claims, particularly those filed by individuals or small companies. The Supreme Court's affirmation of the "clear and convincing" standard suggests that US patent plaintiffs will continue filing claims at essentially the same rate as in years past.

While the Supreme Court's ruling in *i4i v. Microsoft* has been accurately described as simply an affirmation of nearly 60 years of existing US patent law, the case's impact will be felt for many years by patent holders and patent infringers alike.

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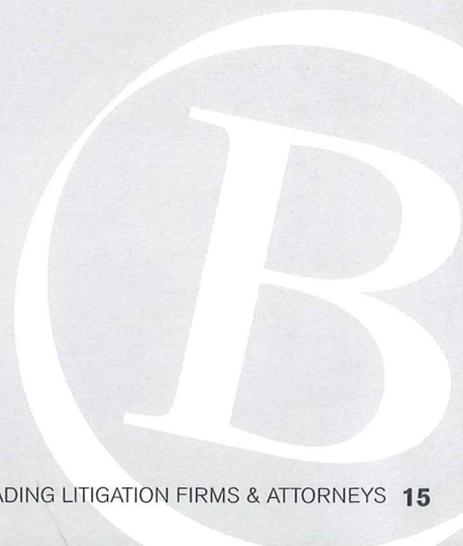
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O'Reilly Collins

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Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro

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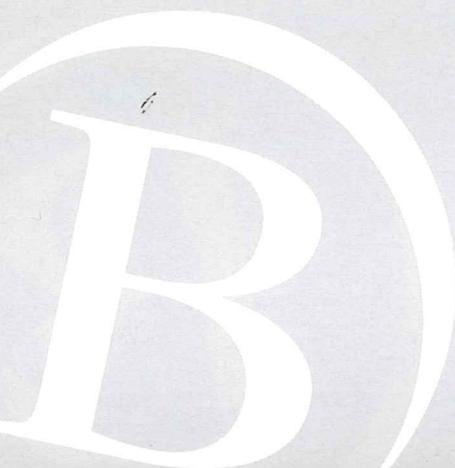
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Labaton Sucharow

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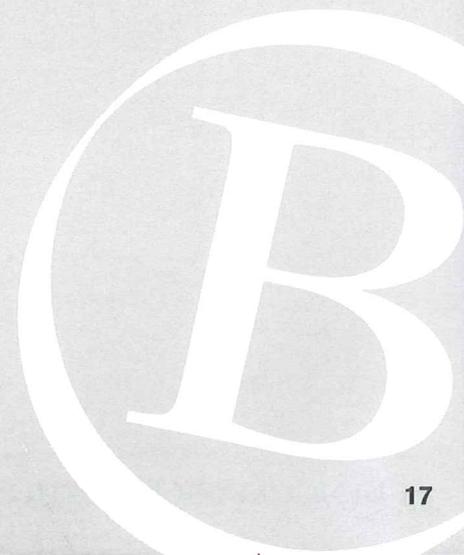
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Lawrence Sucharow
Labaton Sucharow

Ariana Tadler
Milberg

A William Urquhart
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan



Rhode Island

While the state focuses on rebuilding employment and promoting business development, Rhode Island litigators are seeing steady work related to corporate and shareholder disputes, health care, insurance, environmental, products liability and personal injury along with real estate and construction matters. Many firms have bulked up resources in their financial services and securities litigation practice areas.

Highly recommended firms

Asquith & Mahoney

Based in Providence, Asquith & Mahoney has been providing legal services to businesses and individuals throughout Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts for over 50 years. The firm handles civil rights, business, insurance, personal injury, real estate, and labor and employment matters. The firm has five attorneys, including a past president of the Women's Bar Association.

Cooley Manion Jones

Established in 1984, Boston-based Cooley Manion Jones also has offices in Delaware and Rhode Island, handling commercial, personal injury and toxic tort cases. With the firm since 2006, Ralph Liguori handles personal injury, motor vehicle, premises liability and criminal litigation. Liguori prosecuted criminal cases for 15 years as the assistant solicitor for the Town of Cumberland.

Motley Rice

Founded in 2003, Motley Rice is one of the nation's largest plaintiffs litigation firms, with over 60 lawyers. Based in Charleston, the firm also keeps offices in California, Connecticut, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Washington DC. Founder Ron Motley pioneered asbestos litigation after acquiring the Sumner Simpson paper, showing that asbestos manufacturers knew about the dangers of their product as far back as 1920s. Motley was also instrumental in handling the lawsuit against the tobacco companies that led to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, the largest financial resolution of civil litigation in the US.

The firm recently won a \$1.3 million verdict against Davol and CR Bard, convincing the jury that their hernia repair patch was negligently designed, and that their client suffered internal injuries due to it.

Donald Migliori handled the case, and is noted for his products liability and human rights litigation. Vincent Greene IV focuses on lead poisoning and asbestos litigation. Greene recently settled a case with a landlord on behalf of 18 Rhode Island children allegedly poisoned by lead paint. Robert McConnell primarily handles lead-pigment, childhood lead poisoning and other toxic environmental litigation.

Recommended firms

Decof & Decof

Decof & Decof serves clients in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The firm handles personal injury and medical malpractice cases, winning over \$500 million for clients over the years. Mark Decof represented actor James Woods in a medical malpractice case arising from the death of Woods's brother, Michael, against Kent Hospital. In addition to an undisclosed monetary settlement, the hospital agreed to establish The Michael J Woods Institute and commit \$1.325 million to improve the quality of patient care and safety, and establish new procedures and protocols, along with human resource improvements.

Deaton Law Firm

Based in East Providence, the Deaton Law Firm specializes in handling mesothelioma and asbestos-related litigation. John Deaton is the primary attorney at the firm, handling medical malpractice, personal injury, toxic tort and wrongful death cases.

Savage & Savage

Established in 1995, Savage & Savage handles employment, unemployment, automobile accident and animal bite cases. The two-attorney firm built its practice on a commitment to personal service and attention. Richard Savage handles employment, personal injury and workers' compensation matters.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Janet Jenner & Suggs

Motley Rice

Recommended

Harrison White Smith & Coggins

Local litigation stars

Michael Brickman

Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman
Antitrust, Products Liability, Securities

Donald Coggins

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Employment, Personal Injury, Products Liability,
Wrongful Death

Kevin Dean

Motley Rice
Products Liability

Jodi Flowers

Motley Rice
Environmental, Human Rights, Mass Tort, Securities

Ben Harrison

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Civil Litigation, Workers' Compensation

Anne Kearse

Motley Rice
Mass Tort, Products Liability

Thomas Killoren

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Personal Injury, Products Liability, Wrongful Death

Marlon Kimpson

Motley Rice
Environmental, Mass Tort, Securities

Wes Kissinger

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Personal Injury, Products Liability, Wrongful Death

Ronald Motley

Motley Rice
Human Rights, Products Liability, Securities, Toxic
Tort

Vincent Parrett

Motley Rice
Human Rights, Personal Injury, Securities

Charles Patrick

Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman
Products Liability

Joseph Rice

Motley Rice
Environmental, Mass Tort, Products Liability

Terry Richardson

Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman
Class Action, Commercial Litigation, Products
Liability, Securities

Mary Schiavo

Motley Rice
Mass Tort, Securities

Danny Smith

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Employment, Personal Injury, Workers'
Compensation

Edward Westbrook

Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman
Class Action, Environmental, Toxic Tort

John White

Harrison White Smith & Coggins
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Products
Liability



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Welcome to the third annual edition of *Benchmark Plaintiff*, the definitive guide to America's leading plaintiff litigation firms and attorneys.

Benchmark Plaintiff was spawned by *Benchmark Litigation*, the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on litigation in the US. Since its inception seven years ago, the Benchmark brand has grown dramatically and garnered industry-wide accolades as the definitive hub for in-depth analysis of the players shaping the dynamic practice of litigation. With *Benchmark's* sharp and steady rise in popularity, its publishing staff increasingly aims to respond to the demands of its audience. One notable stream of feedback we received was that while *Benchmark Litigation* was considered a go-to reference for defense litigators, there was no forum offered by anyone that provided *Benchmark's* level of analysis regarding litigators conducting prosecutorial work. As a response, we developed *Benchmark Plaintiff* to satisfy that demand.

This sister guide serves as a supplement that focuses exclusively on plaintiff litigation. It is the only publication available to do so. While some plaintiff-oriented firms and attorneys are ranked and editorialized in *Benchmark Litigation*, this guide goes a step further in providing plaintiff lawyers their own separate editorial platform, highlighting firms and individuals responsible for bringing the cases that have been particularly salient. This includes many firms not previously touched on in *Benchmark Litigation*; these firms were uncovered through targeted questioning that specifically solicited peer feedback regarding firms conducting plaintiff work to any extent. This guide approaches the editorializing of the plaintiff capacity from a holistic viewpoint, encompassing firms and attorneys who exclusively engage in the plaintiff practice as well as those who equally attend to matters in the defense and plaintiff capacities.

The research methodology behind *Benchmark Plaintiff* mirrors what has proven to be a winning strategy for *Benchmark Litigation*. The guide's results are the culmination of an eight-month research period that allows our researchers to conduct extensive interviews with litigators and their clients. During these interviews we examine recent casework handled by the firms and ask sources to offer their professional opinions on litigators practicing within their state or national practice areas.

Regional and local expertise is also a crucial factor in commercial litigation, and we identify the leading litigation firms and partners in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Each state chapter includes:

Rankings of the top local litigation firms

We divided the firms in each local market into "highly recommended" and "recommended" categories. All listed firms were consistently mentioned by peers and clients, but the "highly recommended" firms received the most mentions, and were held as dominant in their particular jurisdiction.

Rankings of the top local litigation stars

The list of "local litigation stars" for each state reflects only those individuals who were recommended consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers.

Editorials on every ranked firm

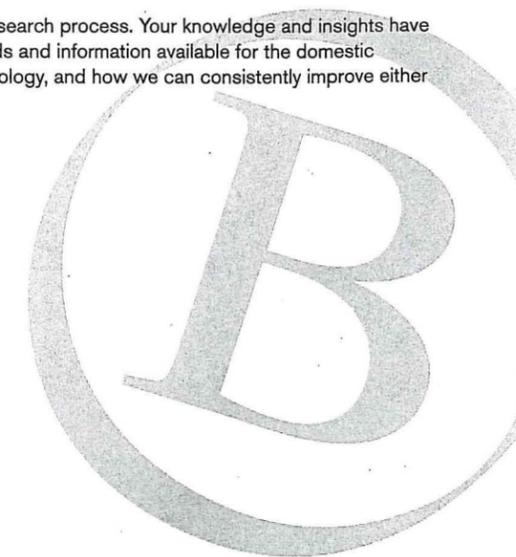
We have made every effort to offer in-depth coverage of the ranked firms. In some cases, however, we were not able to provide editorial content for every ranked firm due to a lack of participation or available information.

Recommendations are based on interviews with the nation's leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel. These interviews were conducted between January and August 2013. Firms cannot pay to be recommended for the guide. Instead, firms have been independently offered the opportunity to take a professional listing regardless of editorial content.

We would like to thank the law firms and in-house counsel who took the time to participate in our annual research process. Your knowledge and insights have contributed to *Benchmark's* continued success by ensuring that our content reflects the most current trends and information available for the domestic litigation market. We also welcome any and all feedback you have with respect to the guide and its methodology, and how we can consistently improve either going forward.

All information was believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

Michael Rafalowich, Editor



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cooperative atmosphere of a smaller firm with a sophisticated practice, involving substantial and challenging legal issues more typically associated with larger firms." Since its founding, attorneys have reportedly recovered billions of dollars for clients and helped initiate significant reforms in corporate governance. The firm has litigated major class-action cases against Credit Suisse Group, General Motors, Motorola, Delphi and Acura Pharmaceuticals Inc. to name a few. Regarding the General Motors matter, attorneys helped secure a \$37.5 million settlement on behalf of participants in General Motors retirement plans. The case alleged the auto company improperly invested billions of dollars of GM stock. The firm also recently settled a shareholder derivative action against the officers and directors of Banco Popular in Puerto Rico. The claim was based on allegations that the defendants engaged in gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and breach of fiduciary duty. In 2011, the firm announced it had filed a class-action suit against Apple Bank For Savings, alleging the bank's overdraft fee and check clearing practices are deceptive and charge higher interest rates than those approved by the state of New York. David Scott focuses his practice on commercial and class action trial work involving securities, intellectual property and antitrust matters. He has served as lead or co-counsel in numerous high-profile matters including the above mentioned General Motors ERISA litigation. Daryl Scott focuses his practice on securities litigation.

Silver Golub & Teitell

Stamford personal injury plaintiffs' firm Silver Golub & Teitell is known in the legal community as consisting of true trial lawyers. "They're terrific, they're top-of-the-house. They do a lot of plaintiffs work and a lot of commercial work, and do an excellent job," enthuses one such competitor. Much of the firm's success can be attributed to name partner David Golub, who, according to peers "has a reputation for being fairly brash, but the reality is he works really hard and has his heart in the right place. And he gets

results. He takes going to bat for his clients very seriously."

In May 2010, Golub successfully convinced a federal court to order RJ Reynolds to award \$8 million to a woman who developed cancer as a result of smoking Salem cigarettes for 25 years, and Golub scored a class action win in June 2010, when The Hartford Financial Services Group agreed to pay a total of \$72.5 million to a class of 21,000 people who were due settlements from The Hartford and were having questionable deductions siphoned off by The Hartford for unsubstantiated purposes. Jonathan Levine assisted Golub in the Hartford litigation, and he is tipped by a competitor as a future star, as is Angelo Ziotas, who conducts medical malpractice litigation.

Stratton Faxon

Stratton Faxon is roundly praised by peers on both sides of the aisle as of the top plaintiff firms in Connecticut, particularly in the realm of medical malpractice and catastrophic personal injury. One competitor enthuses, "They are a great medical malpractice firm. They are very aggressive, support a lot of charitable endeavors and really get their names out there." Another peer states, "I really respect the whole firm. They are doing sophisticated product liability and wrongful death cases and they are driving that along. They have a good way of moving cases and tend to be big players in big cases." Another peer confirms, "Stratton Faxon is in the news every day, and they are great opponents who also know how and when to settle. They are in the middle of everything all the time and doing it well."

The firm also handles insurance disputes, product liability, aviation disasters, and wrongful death matters. Stratton Faxon boasts an impressive record of verdicts and settlements. Examples include a \$44 million recovery plus lifetime benefits in a birth trauma case against a hospital alleged to have delayed a caesarean section; \$30 million in combined settlements in a wrongful death case stemming from a trucking accident on Interstate 95; a \$23.3 million verdict against

an insurance company on behalf of a client who suffered paralysis in a workplace injury; and a \$20 million settlement on behalf of a client paralyzed by the alleged negligence of a shipping company. In early 2012 the firm filed litigation against a Connecticut pediatrician on behalf of the family of a boy who lost his eyesight as result of an alleged failure by the doctor to diagnose bacterial meningitis. Joel Faxon concentrates his practice on litigation involving catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, truck accidents, professional malpractice, aviation disasters and bad faith insurance. Michael Stratton is a widely acclaimed trial lawyer who has obtained dozens of multimillion-dollar settlements and verdicts.

Suisman Shapiro

The largest firm in eastern Connecticut, New London-based Suisman Shapiro has a long history of excellence handling plaintiffs' claims involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, asbestos, commercial matters, insurance and admiralty and maritime law. The firm also maintains an aggressive criminal defense practice and actively handles all types of business and commercial real estate transactions. Outside of its strong reputation for litigation, Suisman Shapiro is widely known for its attentiveness to the communities of eastern Connecticut, consistently participating in fundraisers, sponsorships, donations and scholarships. One competitor describes the firm's litigators as "an extremely classy bunch." In 2011, attorney Matthew Shafner obtained a \$300,000 settlement on behalf of the survivor of a man who was struck and killed by a bus leaving a casino. More recently, in May 2012 attorney Matthew Auger obtained a \$1 million settlement in a medical malpractice case that involved an alleged failure to diagnose cancer in a timely fashion. John Collins III is recognized for obtaining extraordinary verdicts and settlements for clients, including \$10 million for a baby burned in a school fire and \$1 million for a victim of sexual abuse. Other attorneys recognized by peers include James Berryman, Andrew Brand and Lawrence Greenberg.

District of Columbia

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll

Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca

Dickstein Shapiro

Gilbert

Hausfeld

Motley Rice

Sanford Heisler

Recommended

Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel

Whitfield Bryson & Mason

Mehri & Skalet

Tycko & Zavareei

Local litigation stars

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Civil Rights/Human Rights	Labor/Employment	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Mass Tort	Personal Injury	Securities	Other
Lynne Bernabei	Bernabei & Wachtel	Washington, DC		✓	✓							False Claims Act
William Butterfield	Hausfeld	Washington, DC		✓								
Terry Collingsworth	Conrad & Scherer	Washington, DC			✓	✓						
Christopher Cormier	Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll	Washington, DC		✓								
Linda Correia	Webster Fredrickson Correia & Puth	Washington, DC				✓						General commercial
Jonathan Cuneo	Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca	Washington, DC		✓	✓							
Makan Delrahim	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	Washington, DC		✓								
Nathan Finch	Motley Rice	Washington, DC										✓ Product liability
David Frederick	Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel	Washington, DC										✓ General commercial
Agnieszka Fryszman	Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll	Washington, DC			✓							
Scott Gant	Boies Schiller & Flexner	Washington, DC		✓								General commercial, Class action
John Gibbons	Dickstein Shapiro	Washington, DC				✓						
Scott Gilbert	Gilbert	Washington, DC				✓						
Julie Goldsmith Reiser	Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll	Washington, DC			✓					✓		
Reuben Guttman	Grant & Eisenhofer	Washington, DC										False Claims Act
Mark Hansen	Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel	Washington, DC										General commercial
Michael Hausfeld	Hausfeld	Washington, DC		✓	✓							Class action
Peter Huber	Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel	Washington, DC			✓							
William Isaacson	Boies Schiller & Flexner	Washington, DC										General commercial
Alan Kabat	Bernabei & Wachtel	Washington, DC				✓						

Pizzirusso are among the other attorneys noted for their litigation abilities.

Motley Rice

Founded in 2003, Motley Rice has grown to become one of the nation's largest plaintiffs' firms. Based in Charleston, South Carolina, the firm maintains offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, California, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. The firm's office in the District of Columbia employs three litigators led by firm partner Nathan Finch, who possesses nearly 20 years of experience in a wide range of civil litigation matters. Finch has played key roles in the firm's handling of cases involving asbestos, tort, commercial litigation and securities fraud. He is particularly well versed in asbestos-related litigation, most recently obtaining what is reported to be the first plaintiff's verdict in a mesothelioma case against a brake manufacturer in Virginia. He frequently lectures on asbestos matters and has been recognized repeatedly by peers and various legal media publications in the Washington, DC region.

Recommended firms

Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel
Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel

was spawned in 1993 after a group of attorneys left their respective law firms in order to establish a small firm focused on trial and appellate litigation. Since that time Kellogg Huber has grown to over 50 attorneys practicing in the arenas of antitrust, securities, intellectual property and general commercial litigation. The firm represents both plaintiffs and defendants and has secured a list of notable successes in recent years. Litigators were involved in earning a staggering \$1.1 billion settlement with Microsoft on behalf of a class of business consumers in an antitrust suit. Other successes have been achieved in litigation matters against Citigroup, Verizon Wireless and US Smokeless Tobacco to name a few. Many of the attorneys at the firm have held senior positions at the highest levels of the federal government including the White House and Department of Justice. Nearly a third of Kellogg's litigators have clerked for the US Supreme Court justices.

Whitfield Bryson & Mason

The law firm known as Whitfield Bryson & Mason was formed in January 2012, with the mergers of Whitfield & Cox, Bryson Law and Mason. In combining the skills and resources of these three firms, Whitfield Bryson & Mason is emerging as a regional

leader in class-action plaintiffs' litigation. The firm's roster has grown to 14 attorneys operating in offices in Washington, DC, Raleigh, North Carolina and Madisonville, Kentucky. Practice areas of emphasis include consumer protection, defective products, civil rights, antitrust, and toxic torts. Going forward, the firm expects to increasingly handle personal injury and construction claims. Founding partner Gary Mason is recognized by his peers for his class-action litigation experience. He focuses his practice on consumer and mass tort cases and has reportedly recovered more than \$1.5 billion for plaintiffs' clients over the course of his career. He has been actively involved in defective products litigation involving Chinese drywall, fire-retardant plywood, hardboard siding, pharmaceutical products, consumer electronics and automobiles. Recently Mason represented individuals in North Carolina in a class-action suit against Beazer USA, alleging the corporation used fraudulent and deceptive schemes in order to induce individuals to purchase homes. The case settled and homeowners were able to recover nearly \$3 million.

Delaware

Local plaintiff firms

Highly recommended

- Abrams & Bayliss
- Grant & Eisenhofer
- Prickett Jones & Elliott
- Rigrodsky & Long
- Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor

Recommended

- Ashby & Geddes
- Bouchard Margules & Friedlander
- Seitz Van Ogtrop & Green

Local litigation stars

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Civil Rights/Human Rights	Labor/Employment	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Mass Tort	Personal Injury	Securities	Other
Kevin Abrams	Abrams & Bayliss	Wilmington										✓ General commercial
Jeff Almeida	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington										✓
Christine Azar	Labaton Sucharow	Wilmington	45									✓
Steven Balick	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington						✓				
Michael Barry	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington										✓ Class action
Andre Bouchard	Bouchard Margules & Friedlander	Wilmington										General commercial
William Bowser	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington		✓								
Ronald "Chip" Brown, Jr.	Prickett Jones & Elliott	Wilmington										General commercial
Cynthia Calder	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington										✓
Paul Crawford	Novak Druce Connolly Bove + Quigg	Wilmington						✓				
John Day	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington						✓				
Richard DiLiberto, Jr.	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington										✓
Robert Eisler	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington		✓								
Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr.	Prickett Jones & Elliott	Wilmington										✓ General commercial
Joel Friedlander	Bouchard Margules & Friedlander	Wilmington										General commercial
James Geddes	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington										General commercial
Stuart Grant	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington										✓
James Green, Sr.	Seitz Van Ogtrop & Green	Wilmington										General commercial
Richard Heins	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington										General commercial
R. Karl Hill	Seitz Van Ogtrop & Green	Wilmington										General commercial
Scott Holt	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington		✓								
Geoffrey Jarvis	Grant & Eisenhofer	Wilmington										✓





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Headquartered in Radnor, Pennsylvania, just outside Philadelphia, and with offices in San Francisco, Kessler Topaz proudly notes that we have recovered literally billions of dollars on behalf of our clients and we continue to protect rights worldwide through our highly skilled team of attorneys, paralegals, in-house investigators, legal clerks and other personnel.

Kessler Topaz's nationally renowned shareholder litigation practice focuses on the prosecution of securities fraud claims against public companies as well as their officers, directors, and advisors, that misrepresent material information to their investors. With a large and sophisticated client base – comprised of nearly 200 institutional investors from around the world and including 100+ public pension funds at the state, county and municipal level, Taft-Hartley funds across all trades, mutual fund managers, investment advisors, insurance companies, hedge funds and other large investors – Kessler Topaz has been entrusted to lead some of the most important actions being litigated in our field today, including those related to the subprime financial crisis. In this respect, we have litigated cases against Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Lehman Brothers, Countrywide, Wachovia and Citigroup and recovered \$4.8 billion on these cases alone on behalf of aggrieved investors who purchased their securities during this financial crisis.

In addition, Kessler Topaz has been a leader in implementing important corporate governance reforms designed to protect shareholder rights, improve shareholder value and prevent corporate mismanagement. The firm has a robust, trial tested, shareholder derivative and mergers & acquisition litigation department which represents institutional investors in many important shareholder derivative actions. One recent such case is a derivative action against mining giant Southern Peru which resulted in a landmark \$2 billion plaintiff's verdict, the largest in Delaware Chancery Court history. This department also specializes in takeover litigation, and actively represents institutional investors in actions where shareholders are not receiving fair value for their investments such as a takeover action against pharmaceutical firm Genentech where Kessler Topaz was responsible for an increase in value for shareholders of approximately \$3.9 billion.

The firm has also been at the forefront of representing institutional investors in foreign jurisdictions as a growing number of potential shareholder claims are barred from being brought in US courts in light of the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*. The firm is currently litigating actions in Canada, the Netherlands, France, the United Kingdom and Japan.

Further, Kessler Topaz boasts the most comprehensive portfolio monitoring and claims administration program in the field – covering both US and non-US-based securities litigation.

Kessler Topaz also dedicates a large portion of its complex litigation practice on behalf of consumers as well as public and private entities, including municipalities, state agencies, and multi-employer welfare funds. Kessler Topaz's consumer protection efforts are nationwide in scope and include fiduciary rights, ERISA, consumer fraud and antitrust practice groups and has trial experience in these actions as well. The firm is especially proud of excellent results related to securities lending practices at JPMorgan and Bank of New York Mellon, as well as an antitrust case related to Flonase.

The firm also represents inventors protecting their intellectual property rights including patent rights. For many companies, intellectual property is their most important company asset. We help protect these assets by bringing patent infringement actions, trademark infringement suits, and other actions against those who have violated our clients' rights. Unlike many law firms, Kessler Topaz is well-positioned to represent clients ranging from startups to Fortune 50 companies because of our flexible approach to adopting alternative billing structures and contingency fee arrangements that best suit our clients' needs. Our goal is to assist companies in protecting intellectual property and achieving their business objectives while minimizing the financial impact of patent litigation, which has become increasingly expensive over the decade.

Kessler Topaz also has a practice group dedicated exclusively to prosecuting whistleblower actions under federal and state false claims act statutes, and through the SEC, CFTC and IRS whistleblower programs. The group includes former federal and state prosecutors with extensive experience litigating health care, securities and government contract fraud. The practice group draws upon the firm's past successes in litigating fraud claims in the pharmaceutical, hospital and financial services industries, and additionally relies upon Kessler Topaz's investigative services division, with its background in federal law enforcement.

If you are seeking attorneys who are tenacious, whose interests are aligned with your own, and who have vast experience going up against the most sophisticated defense firms, contact us to learn how we may be of assistance in protecting your rights, wherever they may have been violated.

Rhode Island

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended	Recommended
Cooley Manion Jones	Asquith & Mahoney
Decof & Decof	Deaton Law Firm
Motley Rice	Savage & Savage

Local litigation stars

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Civil Rights/Human Rights	Labor/Employment	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Mass Tort	Personal Injury	Securities	Other
Harry Asquith, Jr.	Asquith & Mahoney	Providence										
Patrick Barry	Decof & Decof	Providence										Medical malpractice, Wrongful death
John Deaton	Deaton Law Firm	East Providence										Medical malpractice, Toxic tort, Wrongful death
Mark Decof	Decof & Decof	Providence										Medical malpractice, Wrongful death
Vincent Greene IV	Motley Rice	Providence										Environmental, Medical malpractice, Toxic tort
Ralph Liguori	Cooley Manion Jones	Providence										
Robert McConnell	Motley Rice	Providence										Environmental, Toxic tort
Donald Migliori	Motley Rice	Providence										Product liability
Richard Savage	Savage & Savage	Warwick										
Robert Savage	Savage & Savage	Warwick										

Rhode Island

Highly recommended

Cooley Manion Jones

Cooley Manion Jones is a nationally recognized litigation boutique that touts its dedication to "achieving winning results in high-stakes litigation, through steadfast personal commitment, fierce advocacy, cutting-edge technology, relentless creativity, and the highest level of expertise." Although based in Boston, the firm maintains a strong presence in its Providence office. Additionally, the firm has established offices in Delaware and California. Cooley Manion's plaintiffs' personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys are well known for achieving success. The firm also handles commercial litigation and defends businesses against product liability and toxic tort claims. **Ralph Liguori** is a well regarded attorney in the firm's Providence office who focuses his practice on general liability personal injury litigation, motor vehicle claims, premises liability and criminal litigation.

Decof & Decof

Providence-based Decof & Decof has more than 35 years of experience representing clients in personal injury and medical malpractice litigation. The firm currently employs a team of eight attorneys who routinely litigate cases in Rhode Island and Massachusetts involving product liability, auto accidents, construction, airplane crashes, and professional liability claims. Peers enthuse, "Decof & Decof is known for

some large-scale plaintiff work, big stuff, such as class actions and the like." The firm has reportedly recovered more than \$500 million for clients over the years and garnered a reputation among peers for taking on high-stakes matters. Recent successes include a multimillion-dollar settlement in a wrongful death claim alleging medical professionals failed to deliver a child promptly after a heart rate monitor revealed distress; a multimillion-dollar settlement on behalf of a man who suffered metastatic gastrointestinal cancer due to alleged negligence on behalf of health care professionals performing a pathology examination; and a staggering \$28 million jury verdict on behalf of the family of a woman who died as a result of a physician allegedly failing to recognize and treat bacterial pneumonia. The latter mentioned amount represents Rhode Island's largest medical malpractice and wrongful death verdict. Attorneys **Mark Decof** and **Patrick Barry** are both widely respected members of the firm who concentrate their practices on medical malpractice, personal injury and wrongful death litigation.

Motley Rice

Founded in 2003, Motley Rice is one of the nation's largest plaintiffs' litigation firms, known for handling claims involving aviation, medical malpractice, securities, toxic torts, asbestos, mesothelioma, anti-terrorism and civil rights and more. Based in Charleston, South Carolina, the firm

maintains offices in California; Washington, DC; West Virginia; Connecticut; and Rhode Island. **Donald Migliori** and **Robert McConnell** are both highly respected attorneys based in the firm's Providence office. Migliori is the co-leader of the firm's aviation group, where he has played a leading role in the firm's litigation on behalf of the families of victims who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He has served as co-lead counsel in the Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch litigation and also played a leading role in ongoing litigation on behalf of women harmed by pelvic mesh/sling products. **McConnell** focuses his practice on environmental litigation and possesses particular expertise handling claims involving lead poisoning. He is representing children allegedly harmed by lead poisoning released by property owners, governmental agencies and lead pigment companies.

Recommended firms

Asquith & Mahoney

For more than 50 years, Providence-based Asquith & Mahoney has been providing legal services to businesses and individuals throughout Rhode Island and southeast Massachusetts. On the plaintiffs' side of the "V," the firm handles claims involving, civil rights, insurance bad faith and labor and employment matters. The firm employs a team of five attorneys, including **Harry Asquith, Jr.** who practices in insurance and corporate and business law.

South Carolina

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Bell Legal Group

Furr & Henshaw

Janet Jenner & Suggs

Mark Tannenbaum, PA

Motley Rice

Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick

Richard Harpootlian, PA

Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman

Recommended

Harrison White Smith & Coggins

Joye Law Firm

Johnson Toal & Battiste

The Solomon Law Group

Local litigation stars

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Civil Rights/Human Rights	Labor/Employment	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Mass Tort	Personal Injury	Securities	Other
Luther J. Battiste III	Johnson Toal & Battiste	Columbia										Medical malpractice
J. Edward Bell III	Bell Legal Group	Georgetown										Environmental, Product liability
Michael Brickman	Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman	Charleston		✓								✓ Product liability
Donald Coggins, Jr.	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg				✓			✓			Product liability, Wrongful death
Kevin Dean	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant		●	●				●			Product liability
J. Paul Detrick	Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick	Hampton								✓		
Jodi Westbrook Flowers	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant		✓				✓				Environmental
Fayrell Furr, Jr.	Furr & Henshaw	Columbia								✓		Medical malpractice
Richard "Dick" Harpootlian	Richard Harpootlian, PA	Columbian		✓				✓	✓			Class actions
Ben Harrison	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg										Workers' compensation
Daniel "Danny" Henderson	Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick	Hampton							✓			Premises liability, Highway defects, Product liability
S. Randall Hood	McGowan Hood & Felder	Columbia							✓			Class action, Medical malpractice
I.S. Leevy Johnson	Johnson Toal & Battiste	Columbia										
Mark Joye	Joye Law Firm	Charleston								✓		Product liability
Thomas Killoren, Jr.	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg							✓			Product liability, Wrongful death
Marlon Kimpson	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant		●					✓			Environmental
Wes Kissinger	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg							✓			Product liability, Wrongful death

South Carolina

Local litigation stars

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Civil Rights/Human Rights	Labor/Employment	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Mass Tort	Personal Injury	Securities	Other
Anne McGinness Kears	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant							✓			Product liability
Randolph Murdaugh IV	Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick	Hampton								✓		Railroad
John Parker	Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick	Hampton								✓		Product liability
Vincent Parrett	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant		✓								Product liability, Toxic tort
Charles Patrick, Jr.	Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman	Charleston										Product liability
Joseph Rice	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant						✓				Environmental, Product liability
Terry E. Richardson, Jr.	Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman	Barnwell										General commercial, Class action, Product liability
Mary Schiavo	Motley Rice	Mount Pleasant						✓				✓
Danny Smith	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg				✓				✓		Workers' compensation
Carl Solomon	The Solomon Law Group	Columbia										Wrongful death
Kenneth Suggs	Janet Jenner & Suggs	Columbia										Medical malpractice, Product liability
Mark Tanenbaum	Mark Tanenbaum, PA	Charleston								✓		
Edward Westbrook	Richardson Patrick Westbrook & Brickman	Mount Pleasant										Class action, Environmental, Toxic tort
John White, Jr.	Harrison White Smith & Coggins	Spartanburg								✓		General commercial, Product liability

South Carolina

Highly recommended firms

Bell Legal Group

Bell Legal Group keeps its practice focused on select areas of personal injury law. Its seven attorneys handle claims that include medical malpractice, automotive defects, environmental law, nursing home negligence, and police and jail misconduct. It has successfully obtained verdicts and settlements for hundreds of thousands of dollars and in certain cases in excess of \$1 million.

J. Edward Bell III founded the Georgetown-based firm. He specializes in complex trial litigation. Early in his career he distinguished himself for his work in automotive defects, and he currently represents clients in matters regarding auto safety and defects, trucking accidents, police and jail misconduct, medical malpractice and most recently, environmental law. His work led him to establish the Vehicle Safety Research Center, where engineers conduct auto-defect investigations and accident reenactments, develop exhibits, and explore issues surrounding injury and accident cases.

Furr & Henshaw

Furr & Henshaw has established offices in Myrtle Beach and Columbia. For more than 40 years the boutique has served clients throughout South Carolina including Lexington, Charleston, Chesterfield, Dillon, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Hilton Head Island. While the firm accepts catastrophic injury and nursing home abuse and neglect cases, it is known throughout the state for its prosecution of medical malpractice.

Fayrell Furr, Jr. is a leader in the four-person firm. He is certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys and been honored with multiple awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Association for Justice.

Janet Jenner & Suggs

For more than 30 years, the professionals at Janet Jenner & Suggs have represented victims of allegedly negligent or deceptive corporations, manufacturers, medical professionals, and others. The firm specializes in medical malpractice, particularly for families whose children developed cerebral palsy as a result of preventable birth injuries, and drugs and medical devices as well as unsafe products, environmental hazards, and *qui tam*. It helped establish the Cerebral Palsy Family Network to assist families in finding resources. In addition to its office in Columbia, the firm has a presence in

Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Minnesota, and Washington, DC.

Kenneth Suggs is the former president of the American Association for Justice. He has been in the field for almost 40 years. Also known for his advocacy in medical malpractice and product liability, he is the head of the firm's business litigation division and has won judgments and verdicts for clients wronged by major corporations. A leader in the firm's medical malpractice area, he has secured awards for many families, ranging from the victims of birth injuries to families who have lost loved ones due to prescription drugs. He graduated from Clemson University and received his JD from the University of South Carolina Law Center in 1975.

Mark Tanenbaum, PA

Charleston personal injury boutique Mark Tanenbaum, PA is unanimously recognized by peers for its unwavering commitment to providing "top-shelf quality" legal services to a range of clients, primarily individuals. Firm namesake Mark Tanenbaum garners vigorous enthusiasm, somewhat ironically, for presenting "a laid-back personality, not very showy, not looking for publicity, just an excellent plaintiff attorney." One peer testifies, "Mark focuses on injury claims of real substance. I've worked against him half a dozen times in my career and found him to be a formidable opponent." While Tannenbaum unsurprisingly receives the most mentions, it is also noted that "he has a very well-respected group of lawyers working with him."

Motley Rice

Motley Rice was founded in 2003 and has become one of the largest plaintiff litigation firms in the US. In the beginning, the firm established itself by seeking justice and accountability in occupational disease and workers' rights. In the present day, its 70-plus attorneys also represent clients in matters of securities and consumer fraud, anti-terrorism and human rights, aviation, catastrophic injuries, medical drugs and devices, and environmental contamination. The firm is headquartered in Charleston with six additional offices across the country. Ronald Motley and Joseph Rice have worked together for almost 30 years. Motley started out in the 1970s representing workers injured by the asbestos industry and then went up against the tobacco industry, acquiring hundreds of billions of dollars from the four largest producers in the country. He has

authored and coauthored more than two dozen publications. He is the co-leader of the antiterrorism and human rights practice group, along with Jodi Westbrook Flowers. She has represented 9/11 survivors and family members of victims in addition to her work on toxic environmental cases.

Rice has served as lead private counsel from more than 25 jurisdictions. He has held leadership and negotiating roles involving the bankruptcies of various large corporations. He is the current director of the firm's securities litigation team in fraud litigation. Kevin Dean is the co-leader of the firm's catastrophic injury practice group. He also focuses his practice efforts on product liability and wrongful death. Marlon Kimpson represents victims of corporate malfeasance, from investors in securities and consumer fraud cases to those injured or killed in aviation disasters and other catastrophic incidents.

Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick

What was started as a general practice law firm more than 100 years ago has turned into a 15-lawyer firm with offices in three counties. Its attorneys counsel individuals, farmers, and small businesses throughout South Carolina. A peer calls the firm "a group of highly skilled and qualified lawyers."

A fourth-generation lawyer, Randolph Murdaugh IV has been with the firm since 1991. He devotes his practice almost entirely to personal injury litigation. He has represented hundreds of injured railroad workers in multiple Federal Employers Liability Act claims. John Parker joined the firm in 1973 and has served as president since 1994. He has tried to jury verdict more than 150 civil cases. He mostly handles matters involving product liability, defamation, trucking, insurance bad faith, railroads, and personal injury as a result of automobile collisions. Daniel "Danny" Henderson established the firm's first satellite office in Ridgeland more than three decades ago. He handles general tort cases including automobile wrecks, premise liability, highway defects, and product liability cases against manufacturers. A peer comments, "Danny is one of the hardest-working lawyers I know. He is quite effective primarily in the field of body injury claims."

Richard Harpootlian, PA

Headed by, you guessed it, Richard "Dick" Harpootlian, the firm bearing his name specializes in representing individuals and businesses in high-stakes courtroom battles

Top 150 Plaintiff Women in Litigation

Top 10 Plaintiff Women

California

Elizabeth Cabraser

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
Antitrust, Employment/Labor, Environmental, False Claims Act, Personal injury, Securities

Texas

Kathy Patrick

Gibbs & Bruns
Securities

Illinois

Jill Berkeley

Neal Gerber & Eisenberg
Insurance

New York

Robin Cohen

Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman
Insurance

Minnesota

Jan Conlin

Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi
Intellectual property

New York

Anne Golden

Outten & Golden
Labor/employment

California

Linda Kornfeld

Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman
Insurance

District of Columbia

Rachel Kronowitz

Gilbert
Insurance

Pennsylvania

Dianne Nast

RODANAST
Civil, Class actions

New York

Linda Nussbaum

Grant & Eisenhofer
Antitrust, Class actions

Top 150 Plaintiff Women

Alabama

Leigh Forstman

Pittman Dutton & Hellums
Consumer protection, Environmental, Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Civil Litigation

Shannon Holliday

Copeland Franco Screws & Gill
Civil and Commercial

Melissa Prickett

Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles
Mass torts

Dana Taunton

Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles
Appellate

Scarlette Tuley

Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles
Securities

Leila Watson

Cory Watson Crowder & DeGaris
Mass torts, Product liability, Toxic tort, Appellate, Consumer protection

Alaska

Mauri Long

Dillon & Findley
Civil, Medical malpractice

Donna McCready

Friedman Ruben
Personal injury, Medical malpractice

Susan Orlansky

Feldman Orlansky & Sanders
Civil

Meg Simonian

Dillon & Findley
Civil, Insurance

Arizona

Robin Burgess

Sanders & Parks
Civil, Personal injury, Wrongful death

Susan Chetlin

Fennemore Craig
Intellectual property

Arkansas

Amy Stewart

Rose Law Firm
Antitrust

California

Elizabeth Cabraser

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Antitrust, Employment/labor, Environmental, False Claims Act, Personal injury, Securities

Eve Cervantez

Altshuler Berzon
Employment/Labor, Class actions

Barbara Chisholm

Altshuler Berzon
Employment/Labor, Class actions

Kelly Dermody

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
Employment/Labor, Consumer protection

Diane Hutnyan

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Antitrust, Class actions, Intellectual property

Linda Kornfeld

Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman
Insurance

Karin Kramer

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Class actions, Intellectual property, Securities

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Stacey Leyton

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Insurance, Product liability, Professional malpractice, Toxic torts

Colorado

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Sweeney & Bechtold
Employment/Labor

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Antitrust, Commercial

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Antitrust, Commercial, Intellectual property

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Commercial

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Diane Smith

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Civil rights, employment law

Delaware

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Securities

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Securities, Class Actions

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Personal injury

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Antitrust, Consumer Protection, Product Liability, Securities

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Employment, Civil Rights

Rachel Kronowitz

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Complex Commercial Litigation, Insurance

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Antitrust, Complex Commercial Litigation

Norah Molnar

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Complex Commercial Litigation, Insurance

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Hilary Scherrer

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Antitrust, Complex Commercial Litigation

Catherine Serafin

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Complex Commercial Litigation, Insurance

Christine Webber

Cohen Milstein
Civil Rights

Georgia

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Class Actions, Securities, Antitrust

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Securities

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Intellectual Property, Complex Commercial Litigation

Randi Schnell

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Intellectual Property, Complex Commercial Litigation

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Commercial, Real estate, Bankruptcy

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Idaho

Erin O'Toole

Bernstein Cushner & Kimmel
Complex Commercial Litigation

Illinois

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Insurance

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Antitrust, Securities, Personal Injury

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Plews Shadley Racher & Braun
Environmental, Insurance

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Civil Rights, Employment/Labor, Personal Injury

Kansas

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Personal Injury

Kentucky

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Products Liability, Mass Tort

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Commercial Litigation, Product Liability

Lynn Swanson

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Commercial Litigation, Environmental, Personal Injury, Toxic Tort

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Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

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Civil Litigation, Personal Injury

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Civil Litigation, Workers Rights

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Civil litigation, personal injury

Massachusetts

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Employment

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Kathleen Donovan-Maher

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Labor/employment

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Lockridge Grindal Nauen
Product Liability

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Intellectual Property

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Zimmerman Reed
Employment/Labor, Securities

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Tara Sutton

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Mass Tort, Product Liability

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Product Liability

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Antitrust, Consumer Protection

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Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Securities

Ariana Tadler

Milberg
Securities

Robin Henry

Boies Schiller & Flexner
Commercial, Securities

North Carolina

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Employment, Personal Injury

Sally Higgins

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General Commercial, Securities

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Crowe & Dunlevy
Commercial

Oregon

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Williams Love O'Leary & Powers
Mass Torts

Leslie O'Leary

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Mass Torts, Products Liability

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Commercial, Securities

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Products Liability, Mass Torts

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Mass Tort, Personal Injury

Texas

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Securities

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Susman Godfrey
Commercial Litigation, Securities

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