

TOXIC TORT

MDM&C attorneys offer broad-based experience and resources in the defense and management of complex toxic-tort and mass-tort litigation for clients that include manufacturers and distributors of products in a wide range of industries including: petroleum and petrochemicals, paints, coatings and other chemicals, electrical products, aerospace products, telecommunications products, automotive products, construction products, and consumer products. For more than two decades, our attorneys have defended clients in claims involving exposures to, among other substances, asbestos, benzene, vinyl chloride, silica, mold, chemicals, heavy metals, and lead paint. The attorneys in this group approach the defense of the Firm's clients with an emphasis on creativity, efficiency, and thoroughness in legal analysis and litigation strategy.

With seasoned and established practitioners, we defend toxic-tort cases for our clients in a number of jurisdictions, including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. The Firm has served as lead coordinating counsel in multi-party benzene exposure cases, and is experienced in class-action and multi-district litigation in both the mass-tort and toxic-tort settings.

Our attorneys have tried a number of asbestos cases to verdict and obtained defense verdicts on behalf of equipment manufacturers, insulation manufacturers, and a major petrochemical company. We likewise have achieved consistently favorable results by way of dismissals and settlements for our nationally based and local clients because of our collective commitment to excellence in confronting the stimulating and complicated legal challenges that these cases present. Our lawyers have extensive experience in litigating the complex legal issues and defenses presented in toxic-tort cases and routinely work with experts in the fields of medicine, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, and toxicology in defending our clients. Successful representation likewise results from our attorneys' knowledge of and familiarity with the local practices, procedures, and members of the judiciary, as well as our working relationships with other practitioners on both sides of the litigation, in the jurisdictions in which we practice. Efficient use of our internal resources, including our extensive brief banks, medical and scientific libraries, and databases that enable us comprehensively to track and manage every client and every case contribute significantly to cost-effective representation for companies who confront the financial challenges and pressures presented by multi-party, multi-state tort litigation.