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Commercial & Consumer - 2025

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Years in practice: 32

Best known for: A wide range of cases in products liability, mass torts and consumer class actions. With nearly three decades of experience, I've defended clients in complex, multi-defendant and class action cases in both state and federal courts across the U.S. and Canada, involving a wide array of consumer products, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and industrial equipment. I also frequently advise private equity firms and operating companies on diligence and liability risk assessment during corporate transactions.

Why I chose my practice area: Because the work often involves individual plaintiff cases that have been aggregated together in some fashion, products liability cases offer the opportunity to really dig into how to defend against the facts of a single person's claim while also dealing with complex strategic issues and novel legal arguments.

Most memorable case: The cases I will remember the most aren't so much the big trial or motion practice wins or losses, but rather the ones where we had a really great team working together. When that happens, and everyone on the team is performing at the top of their game, it's a really special experience.

What makes me a leader in my field: My leadership is defined by my ability to anticipate litigation trends, develop innovative legal strategies, and foster collaboration among diverse legal teams, often across multiple jurisdictions and multiple law firms.

Outlook for 2026: Most recently, we've seen more cases being brought by cities and local municipalities on public nuisance theories or under consumer protection statutes, and I don't think that kind of litigation has finished running its arc yet.

Bar involvement/leadership roles: I have been a leader of the class action/mass tort practice at Latham since I came to the firm 13 years ago. I also maintain an active pro bono practice, with a particular focus on juvenile justice and child welfare protection. I've been appointed as a special assistant attorney general, representing the Department of Children and Families in appeals before the Appeals Court.