



## Product Liability

Product liability cases present complicated legal issues for manufacturers, distributors and retailers, and often carry the risk of substantial financial exposure. Cowles & Thompson trial attorneys have extensive experience defending product liability and toxic tort cases, many of which involve class action claims with far-reaching implications.

Cowles & Thompson's experience includes defending companies in lawsuits alleging the defective design, manufacture and marketing of numerous products – including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, aircraft and aircraft components, orthopedic devices, pharmaceuticals, breast implants, asbestos and tobacco – and defending environmental and toxic tort claims for many types of manufacturers and distributors, including mining companies and generators of radioactive waste. Cowles & Thompson is often selected as supervising counsel in products liability cases and is experienced in managing the defense of large class action and multiple-suit litigation in these areas.

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has handled  
over 4,000  
Product Liability  
matters.

### **DEFENDING CLIENTS ACROSS TEXAS**

Since the Firm was founded in 1978, Cowles & Thompson attorneys have defended product liability lawsuits. We try products cases in state and federal courtrooms throughout Texas, from single incidents to mass tort and class action litigation. Our lawyers serve the Firm's clients as both trial and coordinating counsel, demonstrating our experience in the courtroom as well as the ability to manage complex multi-party litigation. Cowles & Thompson attorneys provide direct representation to manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, as well as defend cases assigned by liability insurers.

In addition to litigation defense, our lawyers also assist in risk management issues, identifying areas of possible exposure and suggesting solutions to avoid future litigation. We understand that a product liability lawsuit can be disastrous to the ongoing business concerns of a manufacturer. Consequently, we develop a close partnership with the client to formulate a strategy that will allow the company to emerge from litigation in the best possible financial condition. The firm's experience is also demonstrated in its selection as Southwest Regional Editor for the Defense Research Institute's (DRI) 2008 "Failure to Warn" compendium, as well as the author of the Texas section of the publication.

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## **INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION**

We represent clients in a wide variety of industries:

- Aviation
- Watercraft
- Construction equipment
- Motor vehicles and towing equipment
- Industrial equipment
- Oil and gas
- Pharmaceuticals
- Medical devices
- Component part manufacturers
- Mass tort litigation
- Cigarette lighters
- Specialized trailers for large equipment and gasoline tanker trailers

## **CASES INVOLVING SERIOUS DEATH OR INJURY**

Cowles & Thompson's tort lawyers have also defended numerous cases involving serious personal injury or death, and have developed special knowledge of the unique liability issues faced by the transportation industry and by product component part manufacturers, retailers and distributors, and by the health care industry, including nursing homes and other medical service providers.

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