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Primary Areas of Legal Practice

Legal Services Management, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability and Toxic Tort

Professional Experience

Mr. Lankford represents local, national and international clients in all phases of commercial litigation. His practice includes litigation management, toxic tort litigation, products liability, and state and federal appellate work. He has significant experience operating both as national counsel and in an in-house counsel role managing legal work performed by other law firms. Mr. Lankford provides representation to a diverse group of industries, including aerospace, automotive, petroleum, technology, medical device, industrial and commercial construction, investment management, semiconductor manufacturing, and diet product manufacturing and distribution. In 2005, Mr. Lankford was selected by San Francisco Magazine as a “Northern California Super Lawyer.”

Mr. Lankford is national counsel for asbestos litigation for Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation. In that capacity, he manages the defense of thousands of asbestos personal injury and wrongful death claims in thirty states. He also serves as Ford Motor Company’s national counsel for silica litigation. Mr. Lankford has held positions as national science counsel and national trial counsel for several other national and international corporations.

Past and Present Representative Clients

Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Chrysler Corporation, Shell Oil Company, Bechtel Corporation, Texaco Refining & Marketing, Inc., Dole Foods, AXT Inc., ADNC Inc., Olympus and Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation.

Representative Matters

Lead trial counsel in numerous asbestos litigation matters.

Former national trial counsel for asbestos litigation for Shell Oil Company.

Represented Bechtel Corporation as part of national counsel team defending thousands of personal injury and wrongful death cases involving exposure from asbestos.

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Represented semiconductor manufacturer in personal injury action alleging severe birth defects from *in utero* exposures to chemicals used in the manufacturing process.

Represented product supplier in multidistrict litigation involving personal injury and wrongful death claims from consumption of diet product.

Represented leading medical device manufacturer in claim of respiratory disease from alleged defective medical device.

Represented contractor in action alleging respiratory disease from inhalation of fiberglass.

Represented equipment manufacturer in claims of career ending injuries as a result of alleged defects in industrial construction equipment.

Represented manufacturer in action alleging personal injury from inhalation of cleaning chemicals.

Represented manufacturer in action alleging millions of dollars in crop damage from defective product.

Represented property owner in action alleging contaminated groundwater from leaking underground fuel tanks.

Represented manufacturer of semiconductor manufacturing equipment in personal injury action alleging exposure to chemicals from alleged defects in design of equipment.

Education

University of San Francisco (J.D., 1995)

University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal Technical Editor, 1993-1994

University of California, Riverside (B.A., 1991)

Political Science

Dean's Honor List

Bar Admissions

California, 1995