

## Products Liability

*Our largest litigation practice group*—Jones Walker's largest litigation practice group represents domestic and foreign manufacturers, distributors, and end-users, both large and small, in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies.

### *A to Z skills*

We help clients by using innovative and economical risk management, alternative dispute resolution and litigation skills. Our experience spans asbestos to z—including claims relating to toxic substances and other chemical or environmental liability, aircraft and aviation equipment, motor vehicle design defects, pharmaceuticals, breast implants, building products, vessels and other maritime equipment, tires, tobacco, valves, controls and other machinery, tools and equipment, medical devices, computers and other electronic products, premise defects, and workplace injury. Whether a single or small group of plaintiffs or a nationwide class action, we have a long track record of successfully protecting our clients' interests.

### *Innovative technology*

We pioneer technology-driven systems for enhanced client communication and efficient case handling. We developed a case management system now used nationally by asbestos defendants to manage and control mass tort litigation. Using secure extranets, we make meaningful information easily accessible and exchangeable. Our commitment to training assures that our lawyers and staff are adept and comfortable with a wide array of productivity tools.

### *Project management and cost control*

We are a skilled provider of high quality but low cost legal services, and we excel at project management and staffing for optimum cost control.

### *Trial lawyers*

Our attorneys are a diverse group of courtroom veterans. We have the

appropriate attorney for any court or jury demographic. We have tried many cases to verdict and our track record enhances our ability to bring a matter to a quick resolution through alternate dispute resolution and other non-litigation means. We are often able to persuade plaintiffs to dismiss lawsuits without payment. Jones Walker lawyers are often called upon to act as independent settlement counsel or to offer "second opinions" about risk and the prompt resolution of claims. Jones Walker maintains extensive documentation on technical and scientific expert witnesses with experience in a full range of product cases.

### *Medical analysis*

Product litigation always has a medical component and we are skilled at early analysis of medical claims and formulation of medical defenses. We employ paralegals with nursing backgrounds to effectively and economically review medical records and to update our state-of-the-art medical database.

### *Appellate specialists*

Our practice group includes seasoned appellate specialists who are often called upon to salvage others' unsatisfactory trial outcomes. We know the law, the courts, and the judges, and we can help winnow and present issues for a successful appeal.

### *Preventive services*

Along with risk management advice, we offer an array of preventive services designed to acquaint clients and key personnel with effective techniques for minimizing exposure to product liability related loss or controlling exposure when suit has been filed. We counsel clients on compliance with regulations, labeling, warning, and sales and distribution products. We can help you make decisions regarding record keeping protocols when designing or re-designing products to help minimize exposure to loss.