

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Armstrong Teasdale's product liability lawyers have extensive experience defending clients in significant and complex product liability matters. We represent defendants in single-plaintiff cases, multidistrict class actions and mass tort litigation involving serious personal injuries and catastrophic loss.

Our lawyers develop winning strategies thanks to our in-depth understanding of clients' products, processes and markets, as well as exceptional knowledge of the underlying science and technologies.

Our team has achieved success in numerous venues that the American Tort Reform Association has called some of the most difficult in the country for corporate defendants.

In addition to trial work, our product liability lawyers help clients take preventative measures to mitigate and eliminate risks.

We have successfully defended manufacturers and distributors in cases involving a wide variety of products, including:

- **Construction:** boots and gloves, cables, cranes, fabricated steel, front-end loaders, elevators, escalators, hoists, ladders, power equipment, ropes, scaffolding
- **Consumer:** cleaning supplies, drain cleaners, firearms, fireworks, furnaces, household appliances, lawnmowers, power tools, propane, space heaters, tanning beds, tires
- **Industrial:** blast furnaces, conveyors, forklifts, food processing equipment, furnaces, packaging machines, presses, transformers, water heaters, gas explosions
- **Medical:** external fixation devices, prosthetics, diagnostic imaging equipment, oximeters, cardiac pacing devices, orthopedic internal fixation devices, spinal column stimulators, infusion pumps, breast implants, surgical sutures, intraocular lenses
- **Pharmaceuticals:** vaccines, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, chemonucleolysis agents, NSAIDS, opioids, fluoroquinolone antibiotics, macrolide antibiotics, ergotamine induction agents, proton pump inhibitors, anti-hypertensives, postpartum lactation inhibitors
- **Sports and Recreation:** playground equipment, above-ground pools, swimming pool ladders and diving boards, boats and watercraft, watercraft accessories, bicycles, fitness equipment
- **Toxic Tort:** asbestos, chlorine, diesel fumes, insecticide, lead, dioxin, mold, herbicide
- **Transportation:** restraint systems, sport utility vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, design and warning systems, locomotives, tank cars, operating stands, safety equipment, couplers, seats and suspension systems, multiple unit operation system design

EXPERIENCE

Granted Writ of Prohibition in Dozens of Related Product Liability Actions

Granted writ of prohibition from the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in dozens of related product liability actions for a national window manufacturer.

Representation of National Window Manufacturer in Product Liability Actions



Represented a national window manufacturer in dozens of product liability actions involving alleged residential construction defects.

Dismissal of Product Liability Case

Secured dismissal of a product liability case in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$80,000 in damages involving a failed water supply line. As a condition of granting the plaintiff's request to voluntarily dismiss, the court included the provision that the plaintiff would have to pay the client's attorney's fees and costs related to the dismissed case if it ever refiles the case.

Successful Appeal to Missouri Supreme Court in Product Liability Case

Appealed a \$1.1 million judgment in a product liability case to the Supreme Court of Missouri for a manufacturer of car haulers for tractor trailers. The Supreme Court reversed the judgment and remanded the case to the circuit court for a new trial.

Defense of 1,100-Member Class Action Against Chemical Plant Following Explosion

Defended an 1,100-member class action against the owner of a chemical plant that exploded resulting in deaths, personal injuries and property damage in the surrounding neighborhood.

Defense of Chemical Company in Action Involving Dangerous Chemical Exposure

Defended a chemical company in an action for exposure to dangerous chemicals.

Defense of Manufacturer in Fire and Explosion-Related Claims

Defended the manufacturer of liquid propane valves and regulators in lawsuits involving fires and explosions that challenged the manufacturer's corporate reorganization.