

Product Liability

Building / Construction Products

The bench strength to handle the biggest challenges. The industry-specific experience to defend building and construction products.

Womble Carlyle marshals the resources of more than 200 product liability and business litigation attorneys to guide clients in complex product liability litigation, including cases involving building and construction product claims.

Clients have turned to us to manage and litigate cases in 49 states, including national mass tort, class action, multi-district and “bet-the-company” litigation involving thousands of claims and millions of document pages. We have handled litigation in some of the nation’s most difficult jurisdictions for corporate defendants. Our attorneys have served as lead counsel and national coordinating counsel for major mass tort cases. In addition, we have experience in construction and building product disputes involving local building codes and practices, standards in the industry and building envelope construction and design issues.

Clients rely on Womble Carlyle at all stages of product liability defense, including managing responses to discovery, developing defense and trial strategies, drafting and arguing dispositive motions to seek early dismissal, preparing expert and company witnesses, trying the cases to verdict and handling appeals.

Our clients include product manufacturers, homebuilders, commercial and industrial contractors, subcontractors, property owners, surety companies and lending institutions. Our team represents clients in class actions, mass tort litigation and commercial and residential lawsuits in state and federal court.

Our industry-specific experience includes:

- Defending manufacturers of building products such as engineered wood siding and trim products, windows and doors, synthetic stucco systems, solder flux, built-up roofing products, elastomeric coatings, metal roof systems and polymer-based coatings
- Assisting companies with mold, HVAC and other air quality-related claims
- Resolving disputes related to performance and payment bonds, as well as residential builder’s license bonds
- Representing clients in payment disputes
- Advise building product manufacturers on warranties and other product literature
- Litigating exterior building product liability claims and alleged construction defects, including water intrusion claims



MAJOR PRODUCT LIABILITY EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented synthetic stucco and siding manufacturers in multi-district product liability and class action litigation in multiple states. Also defeated national and statewide class certification (Georgia, Texas, New Jersey) in numerous attempts to certify classes against synthetic stucco manufacturers.
- Serve as National Counsel of Record for an international pharmaceutical company involved in multi-district product liability litigation. This litigation involves thousands of individual cases nationwide involving billions of dollars in cumulative claims.
- More than 20 years of experience representing one of the world's largest tobacco companies in personal injury cases, including providing medical records analysis and case management.
- Defended manufacturer of single-ply roof system in cases involving collapses of large commercial buildings in North Carolina, Texas and Georgia. Represented same company in product liability cases in South Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee.

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