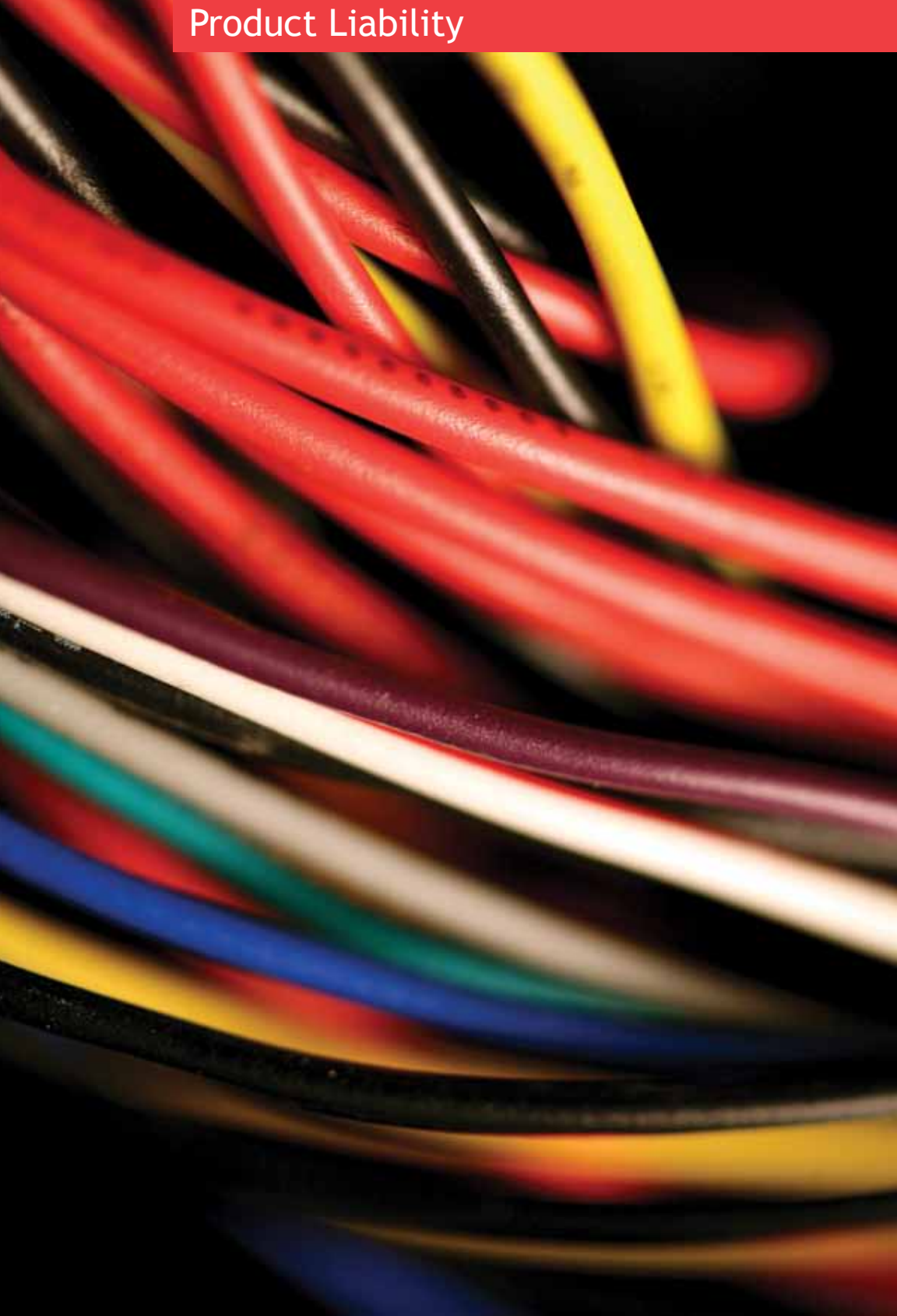




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Product Liability



First Choice

Given the complexity and potential exposure inherent in product liability claims, it is little wonder that defending product liability claims is at the core of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC's ("WWHGD") overall practice.

WWHGD's product liability practice is nationwide and involves all facets of product liability claims—from regulatory counseling and strategic planning to trials and appeals. The Firm's lawyers have expertise in the aggressive defense of a spectrum of products and materials, fluency in highly specialized areas of engineering, technology and medicine, and the experience and depth to coordinate the most complex class action.

What sets WWHGD apart is the breadth of the Firm's experience with all phases of successfully handling product liability claims, including and especially, its willingness and ability to take cases to trial.

WWHGD is the first choice of leading manufacturers, designers, distributors, suppliers, retailers and insurers.

EXCEPTIONAL LAWYERING, UNUSUAL SKILL

The Product Liability Group's trial lawyers do not merely manage the process, they shape the outcome. WWHGD tries the right cases. Its lawyers provide the highest level of service in a cost-effective manner. The Firm rigorously analyzes its clients' problems, establishes comprehensive program strategies and document libraries, and develops effective motion strategies to defeat even the most novel claims.

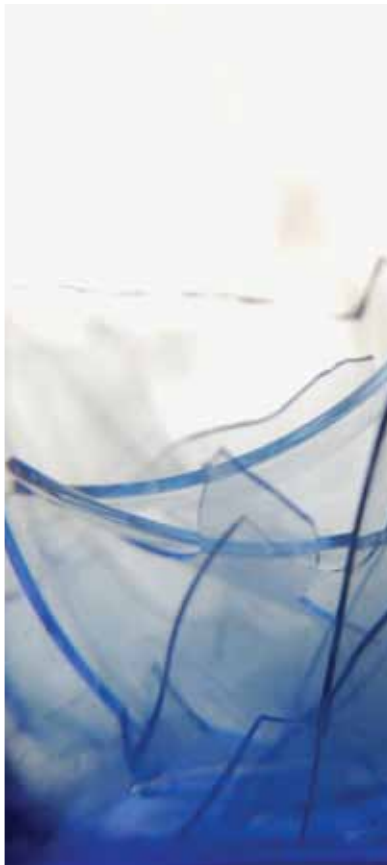
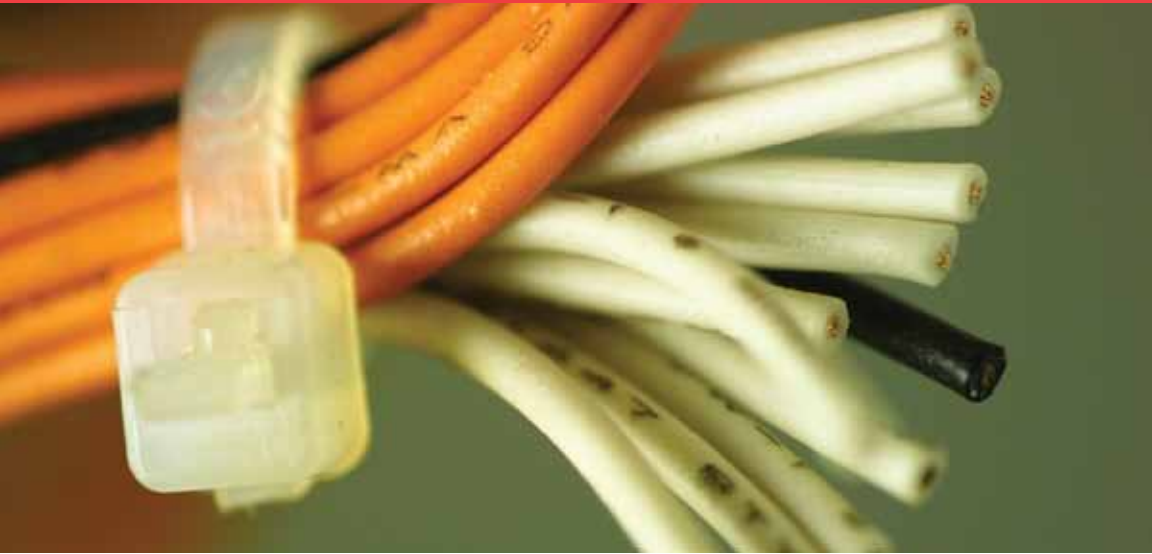
While WWHGD is always prepared to take even the most difficult cases to trial, the Firm's lawyers recognize that sometimes a cost-effective settlement is the best approach for its clients. Along these lines, the Firm prepares early case assessments, medical summaries and fact chronologies in order to develop an aggressive and proactive defense strategy. And, with the clarity and purpose of trial lawyers, WWHGD is forthright when it comes to the cost of defense, verdict exposure and the chance of success on the merits. The client must know the true strengths and weaknesses of each case so that competent decisions can be made about resolution, be it by settlement or trial.

The Product Liability Group's lawyers serve in various roles for our clients, including:

- Trial counsel, responsible as lead trial counsel in high-stakes cases of all types across the nation;
- National coordinating counsel, responsible for the supervision and management of hundreds of cases;
- National discovery counsel, responsible for limiting discovery and shaping the client's story in innumerable cases; and
- Advisory counsel, responsible for counseling and advising clients from the inception of product design through the manufacturing and production process.

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE, TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

The Group's trial lawyers know the industries, the issues, the science, the medicine, the courts and the law – and know how to successfully put them all together. In the last decade, the Firm's lawyers have served as counsel in leading or landmark cases involving aircraft engines, asbestos-containing products, automobile fuel tanks, pool chemicals, end-tidal CO2 monitors, food products, industrial machinery, coronary artery stents, non-powder firearms and weight-loss drugs, to name just a few.



Many of WWHGD's clients manufacture, distribute or sell highly-regulated products. The Firm's lawyers routinely guide these clients through the regulatory maze of, and defend them in, enforcement actions and post-sale product recalls. The Group's lawyers practice before the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).



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THE FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLE OF WWHGD'S PRODUCT LIABILITY EXPERIENCE:

- Defending major medical device manufacturers in claims across the country resulting from the recall of surgical and medical devices;
- Defending non-powder firearm, tractor, recreational vehicle and other consumer product manufacturers in catastrophic injury cases across the nation;
- Defending boom, crane, aerial lift and other commercial product manufacturers in catastrophic injury cases across the country;
- Defending a multi-national automobile manufacturer in a class action alleging product defect and negligent marketing;
- Defending an aircraft engine manufacturer in air-crash litigation throughout the nation;
- Defending a multi-national industrial and residential equipment manufacturer as national counsel in cases involving its electrical service panels;
- Defending bus and mass transit companies in product liability cases across the country involving issues of federal preemption and lack of seatbelts; and
- Defending a major pharmaceutical manufacturer in the defense of mass tort claims involving over-the-counter drugs.

MUST-WIN CASES, POWERFUL ADVOCACY

Rarely will a case be successfully resolved if it has not been made “trial ready” by lawyers experienced in actually taking cases to trial. The distinction between “trial lawyers” and “litigators” is significant. WWHGD consists of trial lawyers. They embrace the opportunity to represent clients in the courtroom, before a jury. Not surprisingly, they have and will try the toughest cases. As one measure of their success, the Group’s trial lawyers are routinely asked – often in the 11th hour – to parachute into difficult cases as lead trial counsel in some of the most challenging jurisdictions.



WWHGD’s reputation as a Firm of trial lawyers is well known, especially to its adversaries. The Firm’s lawyers leverage their experience and reputation to secure better settlements and early dismissals.

WWHGD’s trial lawyers have been identified as “Best Lawyers in America,” “Super Lawyers,” “Lawdragon” and “Rising Stars.” They are active and hold leadership positions in numerous professional organizations including, among others, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC).

Finally, the Group’s lawyers regularly speak and write on issues relating to product liability law, trial advocacy and trial evidence.

