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Overview

Brett has represented clients in consumer class actions, catastrophic losses, and high-profile multidistrict litigation in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, telecommunications, automotive, and technology. He offers strategic counseling from case inception through trial, including complex discovery issues, major dispositive motions, tactical trial preparation, and, when appropriate, thoughtful resolution of cases. Brett has practiced in courts throughout the United States and for several years served on the national coordinating counsel team for a large mass tort defendant.

Brett also has experience both developing and deposing experts on complex and novel scientific issues. Recognizing the interplay between product liability, technology, and science, he has a keen interest in legal developments in this fast-paced area of law.

In addition to his product liability work, Brett has advised and defended clients on a number of compliance issues involving the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also has experience in all facets of eDiscovery, including document collections, negotiation of ESI protocols, review strategy, and in the oversight of productions.

Brett's breadth of knowledge makes him a thoughtful and experienced adviser, negotiator, and advocate for his clients.

Practices

- Product Liability and Mass Torts
- eDiscovery and Litigation Readiness
- Consumer Products
- Mass Tort Resolution
- Toxic Torts
- Trials and Appeals

Industries

- Automotive
- Consumer Products and Services
- Manufacturing

Experience

- National counsel to a major building products company in asbestos personal injury lawsuits in state and federal courts around the country.
- Representation of consumer products manufacturers in complex class actions involving a wide array of different products.
- Ongoing representation of a Fortune 100 company challenged with allegations and investigations concerning fire and explosions of consumer products.
- Managed large-scale eDiscovery project for more than a year for an automotive client in significant MDL, focusing both on compliance with discovery obligations and cost-control for client.

Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2013
Fordham Urban Law Journal, Member
Fordham Moot Court Board, Member
- Georgetown University, B.A., English and Government, 2007

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- New York

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Insights

02.09.2021

Blog Post

How Companies Can Approach Wider Availability of COVID-19 Vaccines in the Coming Months

02.01.2021

Blog Post

Business Considerations in Light of Increases in COVID-19 Cases

08.18.2020

Blog Post

Reopening and Readjusting: Preparing for a Diagnosis or Resurgence in the Coming Months

08.13.2020

Event

Are You Ready for COVID-19 Litigation?

08.04.2020

Blog Post

Reopening and Readjusting: Communicating COVID-19 Policies to All Stakeholders

07.21.2020

Blog Post

Reopening and Readjusting: What Businesses Should Be Thinking About

06.04.2020

Blog Post

Federal Enclave Jurisdiction: Strategies for Removal to Federal Court When a Tort Occurred on Federal Land

05.28.2020

Blog Post

Expert Strategies: Battling Causation in COVID-19 Tort Cases

05.07.2020

Blog Post

Five Approaches to Keep Customers and Employees Safe When Reopening

04.07.2020

Blog Post

Supreme Court Will Address Personal Jurisdiction After State Courts Interpret BMS Decision

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Speeches & Presentations

- "Are You Ready for COVID-19 Litigation?" Schiff Hardin, Webinar (Aug. 13, 2020)

Citizenship

Pro Bono Activities

- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Pro Bono Volunteer (2018-present)
- New York City Bar Consumer Bankruptcy Project, Pro Bono Volunteer (2014-16)

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