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As a litigator and trial lawyer, Chris works with clients to resolve lawsuits in the most practical means possible, whether through aggressive litigation, mediation, negotiation, arbitration, and/or trial.

OVERVIEW

Chris Singewald has more than 25 years of experience as lead counsel defending national and international companies in environmental/toxic tort, product liability, professional malpractice, and business/corporate disputes. As a litigator and trial lawyer, Chris works with his clients to resolve lawsuits through aggressive litigation, mediation, negotiation, arbitration, and/or trial.

In his complex civil litigation practice, Chris has defended manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers of automobiles, airplanes, chemicals, drugs, household products, industrial equipment, forestry equipment, and medical devices. He has tried numerous cases to jury verdicts and argued appeals before the Delaware Supreme Court.

In addition to serving as trial counsel, Chris has served as national and regional coordinating counsel for companies engaged in mass tort litigation. Clients benefit not only from Chris's extensive knowledge of various medical and scientific disciplines, as well as corporate history, but also from his trial experience.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Chris is an AV Preeminent® rated attorney by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system. He was named to the *The Best Lawyers in America 2021* list in the practice area of Product Liability Litigation - Defendants.

Chris volunteers his time to various community organizations. He is past President of the Board of Directors for the DuPont Country Club and is past Vice-President of the Alapocas Maintenance Corporation.

PRACTICES

Litigation

Product Liability

Professional Liability

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Delaware

Connecticut

District of Columbia

Illinois

Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, JD, 1994

University of Richmond, BA, 1991

MEMBERSHIPS

Defense Counsel of Delaware

Defense Research Institute

Delaware State Bar Association

International Association of Defense Counsel

Chris is married with two children. In the summertime, Chris enjoys playing golf, boating, and water skiing. Chris is also a certified scuba diver who enjoys wreck diving.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

White and Williams Secures Affirmation of Summary Judgment Based on Ohio's Causation Standard For Asbestos Cases
7.22.19

White and Williams Secures Affirmation of Partial Summary Judgment with Bare Metal Defense
4.21.17

Secured affirmation of summary judgment based on Ohio's Causation Standard for asbestos cases in favor of a major automotive manufacturer in a mesothelioma case

Oversees and coordinates the defense of *Fortune* 500 companies in asbestos matters in Delaware, but also in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island

Serves as national coordinating counsel for international corporation and advises on developing nationwide strategies in defense of asbestos lawsuits

Lead trial counsel of mesothelioma lawsuit in West Virginia involving alleged secondary, household exposures

Co-counsel in trial of mesothelioma lawsuit under New Jersey substantive law involving alleged bystander exposures

Co-counsel in trial of mesothelioma lawsuit under Rhode Island substantive law involving career mechanic

Defense verdict of automobile manufacturer in product liability brake failure/airbag deployment trial

Defense verdict of mechanical contractor in product liability industrial pump/lid failure trial

Defense verdict of hospital in medical negligence trial

Successfully orchestrated consolidated motion practice to secure dismissal of over 35 asbestos lawsuits by one Superior Court ruling

Successfully argued no duty to warn as to component part liability for parts manufactured by another manufacturer under Delaware law for automobile manufacturer

Successfully argued choice of law motion for application of foreign jurisdiction's punitive damages substantive law based on location of the alleged wrongful corporate conduct in product liability, wrongful death case

Successfully argued summary judgment for hospital on claim for loss of chance of survival

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 38 White and Williams Lawyers
8.19.21

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 43 White and Williams Lawyers
8.20.20

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 29 White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.19

White and Williams Joins Ford Motor Company's Legal Alliance for Women in a Global Day of Service
9.27.18

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twenty White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.18

Wilmington Office Organizes Career Day at Harlan Elementary School
6.13.17

Coverage College Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary
9.22.16

EVENTS

Medicare Compliance in Asbestos Litigation
Perrin Conferences Mid-Atlantic Asbestos Litigation Conference (Wilmington, DE), 7.17.19

The Importance of ADR
The Mid-Atlantic Asbestos Litigation Conference (Wilmington, DE), 6.15.17

Current Trends and Legal Developments in Toxic Tort Cases
White and Williams Coverage College, 9.22.16

Broader Perspectives: National, Trial Team, and In-House Views
Mid-Atlantic Asbestos Litigation Conference (Wilmington, DE), 1.28.15

PUBLICATIONS

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Strikes a Deathblow to Substantial Factor Causation in Most Cases; Is Asbestos Litigation Next?
Product Liability Alert, 3.9.21

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Dismisses Medical Device Suit
Product Liability Alert, 2.1.21

COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruption Now and Later
Industry Today, 4.13.20

Supply Chain Disruption – Before the Breach and How Best to Protect

Commercial Litigation Alert, 4.3.20

White and Williams LLP Secures Affirmation of Denial to Change Trial Settings Based on Plaintiffs' Failure to Meet the Texas Causation Standard for Asbestos Cases

Product Liability Alert, 4.1.20

US Supreme Court Denies Certiorari in Appeal by Gun Manufacturer, Remington, in Case Brought by Families of Sandy Hook Massacre Victims

Product Liability Alert, 11.13.19

Massachusetts Court Holds Statute of Repose Bars Certain Asbestos-Related Construction Claims

Claims Arising Out of a Deficiency or Negligence in the Design, Planning, Construction and General Administration of Improvements to Real Property Among Those Affected

Product Liability Alert, 3.1.19

Philadelphia Court Rejects Expert Methodology for Detecting Asbestos

Product Liability Alert, 10.5.17

Delaware Strengthens Jurisdictional Defenses for Foreign Corporations Registered to Do Business in Delaware

Product Liability Alert, 4.26.16