

Troy D. McMahan



Practice Focus

- Toxic Torts
- Asbestos
- Maritime
- Automotive
- Government Tort Liability

Representative Clients

- Capitol Clutch & Brake, Inc.
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
- The Dow Chemical Company
- Graham Corporation
- Raytheon Aircraft Company
- Rhodia
- Ruggles-Klingemann Manufacturing Co.
- Zeneca

Bar and Court Admissions

- California, 1990
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Eastern Districts of California

Education

- J.D., University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City, 1990
- B.S., University of Idaho, Moscow, 1987

Professional Honors and Associations

- American Bar Association
– Environmental, Product Liability and Mass Tort sections
- Alameda County Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco
- Defense Research Institute
– Drug and Medical Device, Product Liability and Toxic Tort Committees
- Association of Defense Counsel
- “Super Lawyer,” *San Francisco magazine*, 2006

In Brief

Mr. McMahan has over seventeen years of experience defending various Fortune 500 companies in cases involving premises and products liability claims, maritime claims and business disputes involving the improper use of proprietary information.

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TOXIC TORT

Mr. McMahan currently represents the manufacturer of commercial grade silicone, which has been sued by individuals who misused that product by injecting it into their bodies for cosmetic purposes.

Mr. McMahan has successfully defended Aventis CropScience Inc. in a case in which the plaintiff, a paper maker, claimed that Aventis’ liquid aluminum sulfate contributed to the development of his interstitial pulmonary fibrosis.

Mr. McMahan also successfully represented Rhodia Inc. in a case where the plaintiff claimed that occupational exposure to various food additives manufactured and supplied by Rhodia, caused the plaintiff to develop a lung disease.

MARITIME

Mr. McMahan currently defends Chevron Shipping Company and Texaco Marine Services Inc. in cases in which persons who worked aboard the companies’ ships assert personal injury and wrongful death claims under federal maritime law – Jones Act, Longshoreman and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act, and federal maritime common law.

Recently, Mr. McMahan prevailed on summary judgment on behalf of Chevron Shipping Company LLC in a case of first impression – whether federal maritime law imposes a duty upon a ship owner to protect off-shore third parties from injuries occurring as a result of activities performed aboard ship. Specifically, plaintiff claimed he was exposed to a toxin (asbestos) used aboard Chevron’s vessels, and which his father - an officer aboard the vessel – allegedly brought home on his uniform.

ASBESTOS

For nearly 15 years Mr. McMahan has managed asbestos premises and products liability dockets throughout the State of California. He currently represents Chevron U.S.A. Inc, Texaco Inc., Unocal Corporation, The Dow Chemical Company, Rhodia Inc., Hayward Electric, Graham Corporation and Ruggles-Klingemann Manufacturing Co. Inc. in those matters.

AUTOMOTIVE

Mr. McMahan obtained a defense verdict at trial on behalf of the Ford Motor Company on an insurance subrogation claim brought by Farmers Insurance Company against Ford based on claims of a defective ignition switch.

Mr. McMahan also successfully defended the Ford Motor Company against plaintiff’s product liability claim based on allegations that a defective seatbelt caused plaintiff to sustain injuries during an automobile accident. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of Ford.

GOVERNMENT TORT LIABILITY

Mr. McMahan has represented the Bay Area Rapid Transit District in various personal injury and property damage claims arising from construction activities occurring during the BART extension projects.

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