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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP, 2006-Present, Partner
(since 2009)

Deloitte Consulting, Management Consultant, 1997-2000

CASES TRIED OR OTHERWISE TAKEN TO JUDGMENT

Super Helechos, et al. v. DuPont (Florida)

Represented DuPont in 10-week Miami jury trial of product liability claims involving Benlate fungicide. Plaintiffs, 27 Costa Rican farms, claimed \$396 million damages.

Trial court entered directed verdicts for DuPont on all claims of the largest plaintiffs (constituting 60% of plaintiffs' total claimed damages). Jury awarded other plaintiffs a small fraction of amounts sought.

Florida court of appeals (1) affirmed directed verdicts for DuPont on claims of the largest plaintiffs, and (2) reversed all jury verdicts for other plaintiffs due to numerous trial court errors.

Nicor Gas v. Home Towne Electric (Circuit Court, Lake County, Illinois)

Lead trial counsel representing Plaintiff, Nicor Gas, seeking to recover damages to Nicor's underground gas line. First chaired two-day jury trial. Victory for Nicor. Jury awarded Nicor 100 percent of its claimed damages, plus court costs.

CURRENT REPRESENTATIONS

Schindler Elevator Corp. et. al. v. Otis Elevator Co. (S.D.N.Y)

Representing Otis Elevator in patent infringement litigation concerning elevator technology.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP v. Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (Federal District Court, Northern District of California)

EDUCATION & HONORS

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2003, with High Honors

Order of the Coif

Anne Watson Barber Outstanding Service Award

Managing Editor, *The University of Chicago Law Review*

Northwestern University, B.S., 1997, Journalism and Political Science

Senior Class Outstanding Student Leadership Award

Student commencement speaker

Senior Class Council Chairman

Academic Vice President of the Northwestern student body

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy, United States Supreme Court, 2004-2005

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BARTLIT BECK HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP

Judicial Law Clerk,
Honorable Richard A.
Posner, United States
Court of Appeals for the
Seventh Circuit, 2003-2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pro bono representation of
defendant in *United States
v. Egwaoje*, 335 F.3d 579
(7th Cir. 2003)

Representing MGIC in a \$100 million mortgage insurance dispute with
Countrywide.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Perrine v. DuPont (West Virginia)

Retained shortly before trial to represent DuPont in class-action jury trial of
toxic-tort claims. Class of 8,500 alleged community contamination by zinc
smelter emissions over a century. Jury verdict for plaintiffs.

Represented company on appeal to West Virginia Supreme Court, which
ordered re-trial on statute of limitations defense and substantially reduced
potential damages. Case settled favorably.

Swift Transportation Co. v. Ernst & Young

Represented Ernst & Young in accounting malpractice action stemming from
merger between Swift Transportation Company and M.S. Carriers, Inc.

Swidler v. Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC

Represented Georgia-Pacific in putative class action alleging that building
products manufactured by Georgia-Pacific caused damage in consumers'
homes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

The Illegitimacy of Protective Jurisdiction over Foreign Affairs, 70 U. Chi. L.
Rev. 1487 (2003)

NEWS

Bartlit Beck Prevails For DuPont In Benlate Case

BIG WINS

Bartlit Beck Prevails For DuPont In Benlate Case, *Super Helechos, et al. v.
DuPont* (2009)

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