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LITIGATION Trial Lawyers

Litigation: Trial Lawyers Leading Individuals

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Beck Philip *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Philip Beck

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Philip Beck of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP is “known as a go-to trial lawyer, no doubt,” sources say, with others indicating that he is “incredible in a trial.” He defends businesses entities in both trial and appellate courts against product liability and mass tort claims, intellectual property cases and financial misconduct matters.

PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS

Product Liability & Mass Torts Leading Firms

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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Leading Individuals

Star individuals

Beck Philip *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Band 3

Hoeflich Adam *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Recognised Practitioner

Weinstein Bacon Rebecca *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar*

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for Eminent trial boutique with an impressive track record of victories in high-stakes product liability matters. Highlighted for its depth of experience and outstanding courtroom abilities. Expert representation of market-leading chemical companies, pharmaceutical and defense contractors, among others. Frequently appears as national counsel in multidistrict litigation, as well as class actions and single plaintiff state claims, often handling all aspects of a case from planning and strategy to resolution.

Strengths One source notes that the team is made up of “hands-down excellent strategists and litigators,” further commenting: “It is across the board one of the finest firms I have ever worked with.”

Work highlights Acted as national and lead trial counsel for major pharmaceutical company Bayer in multidistrict litigation involving injuries including deep-vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism,

heart attacks and strokes allegedly caused by oral contraceptives.

Notable practitioners

Philip Beck is “probably the premier name in this space,” according to one source, while another calls him “a go-to trial lawyer” and “the best of the best.” He has extensive experience handling high-profile product liability trials for a range of clients. **Adam Hoeflich** is “extremely smart, extremely experienced and a fabulous writer and legal mind,” says one client, adding that “he understands what our needs are and what we want to achieve.” He regularly handles complex product litigation in a lead or national counsel capacity.

Rebecca Weinstein Bacon is a “talented lawyer,” according to one source, while another notes that “her intelligence, case management ability and work with experts are all worthy of being singled out.” Her increasingly prominent practice covers a range of product liability claims and consumer class actions, and she often acts on behalf of pharmaceutical clients.

ILLINOIS

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial Leading Firms

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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Senior Statesmen and Eminent Practitioners

Senior Statesmen: distinguished older practitioners

Bartlit Jr Fred Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Leading Individuals

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What the team is known for Standout litigation boutique renowned for its expertise in the commercial litigation space and much sought after for its capabilities in highly complex class action and multidistrict matters. Possesses deep expertise in areas such as product liability, mass torts, securities, antitrust and IP and represents top clients from the financial services, technology, and chemical sectors. Features an exceptional roster of talented attorneys with an impressive track record of success at trial.

Strengths A client comments: *"They are a cut above the crowd. They're dedicated trial lawyers, recruited and trained with a unified vision."*

Work highlights Represented Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance in two actions against underwriter Credit Suisse, arising from the sale of mortgage-backed securities to MassMutual from 2005 to 2007. The firm subsequently secured a \$79.5 million.

Notable practitioners

Fred Bartlit is recognized as a leading figure within the state. He possesses significant trial experience and subject expertise in fields including product litigation, securities and antitrust. **Philip Beck** is a leading figure within the state, having tried many of the largest cases in the country. He possesses a broad commercial practice, with a specialism in mass tort and product liability cases. Clients say: *"He's one of the best trial lawyers, period. No matter the court, he's efficient, business-oriented and just outstanding."*

Adam Hoeflich is a well-regarded litigation attorney, specializing in high-stakes, complex and multi-jurisdictional commercial litigation matters. He has significant technical expertise in the life sciences, chemicals and real estate industries, as well as coverage and insurance defense litigation.

COLORADO

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial Leading Firms

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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Senior Statesmen

Senior Statesmen: distinguished older practitioners

Bartlit Jr Fred *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Band 3

Olson Eric *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for A dominant practice that represents large US and multinational corporations in complex and high-profile cases. Draws on a deep bench of high-quality attorneys and is recognized for its strength in bet-the-company mass tort and product liability litigation. Other areas of expertise include IP and antitrust, and companies frequently seek out the team for its impressive track record in class actions.

Strengths Clients rave about the impressive capabilities of the team, which is “*known nationwide as a top litigation firm,*” according to an interviewee. Another source notes: “*Bartlit Beck is the best I have ever seen and its strength runs from lead counsel down to support staff. It has outstanding lawyers capable of handling any matter and it has great bench strength.*”

Work highlights Acted for Sabre on a \$1.5 billion antitrust case against American Airlines with regard to Sabre’s Global Distribution System.

Notable practitioners

Fred Bartlit continues to be regarded as “*the elder statesman*” of trial attorneys. He has extensive experience in high-stakes cases and has represented a number of major corporate entities. **Eric Olson** is developing an enviable reputation in the Colorado market and is highly valued by clients. One source notes him as “*an exceptional trial lawyer*” and praises his strategic approach to high-stakes litigation. Another interviewee adds: “*He’s an expert diplomat in navigating contentious relationships with opposing counsel.*”

CORPORATE/M&A

Corporate/M&A Leading Firms

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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Leading Individuals

Senior Statesmen: distinguished older partners

Palenchar James *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

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Stephens Thomas *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

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Morrill Rob *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for Compact team that demonstrates prowess in a wide range of transactional matters. Offers experience in corporate governance and regulatory issues and is frequently engaged by local and national clients for work involving LBOs. Broad client base includes private equity firms and insurance companies. Expertise spans the life sciences, heavy industry and natural resources sectors.

Strengths Clients say: “*If I need high-level business, M&A or securities counsel, they’re the people I’d go to first.*”

Work highlights Advised Mortara Instrument on its acquisition by Hill-Rom Holdings for \$330 million.

Notable practitioners

James Palenchar continues to be considered an “*excellent lawyer*” with a “*fantastic reputation.*” He has significant experience in an array of transactions and governance issues. **Thomas Stephens** is valued by clients for his technical expertise and practical approach. He handles a wide range of corporate and securities matters, including private fund formation. **Rob Morrill** frequently advises on LBOs and is particularly active in the private equity space. He is “*extremely bright and knowledgeable – the full package in terms of understanding legal issues but with business aspects in mind,*” notes one client.